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Acronyms and Abbreviations

μCi/mL	microcurie(s) per milliliter
μR/hr	microRoentgen(s) per hour
AHA	Activity Hazard Analysis
AJMC	Army Joint Munitions Command
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
APP	Accident Prevention Plan
BMP	best management practices
BRAC	Base Realignment and Closure
Cabrera	Cabrera Services Inc.
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>
CH2M	CH2M HILL, Inc.
CLEAN	Comprehensive Long-term Environmental Action—Navy
cm	centimeter(s)
cm ²	square centimeter(s)
cm/s	centimeter(s) per second
cpm	count(s) per minute
cpm/μR/hr	count(s) per minute per microRoentgen per hour
Cs	cesium
CSM	conceptual site model
DAC	derived air concentration
dBA	decibels
DCGL	derived concentration guidance level
DoD	Department of Defense
dpm	disintegration(s) per minute
dpm/100 cm ²	disintegration(s) per minute per 100 square centimeters
DOT	Department of Transportation
DQA	data quality assessment
DQO	Data Quality Objective
GPS	global positioning system
HAZWOPER	Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
HPNS	Hunters Point Naval Shipyard
HRA	Historical Radiological Assessment
IDW	investigation-derived waste
LDR	land disposal restriction
LLMW	low-level mixed waste
LLRW	low-level radioactive waste
m ²	square meter(s)
MARSSIM	Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual
MDC	minimum detectable concentration
MDCR _s	detectable count rate-surveyor
MDER	minimum detectable exposure rate
MeV	megaelectron volt(s)

MOU	memorandum of understanding
NaI	sodium iodide
NAVFAC	Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Navy	Department of the Navy
NFA	no further action
NORM	naturally occurring radioactive material
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRDL	Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory
NUREG	Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulation
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
pCi/g	picocurie(s) per gram
Perma-Fix	Perma-Fix Environmental Services
PID	photoionization detector
PPE	personal protective equipment
PRSO	Project Radiation Safety Officer
Pu	plutonium
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control
Ra	radium
RASO	Radiological Affairs Support Office
RCA	radiologically controlled area
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RCT	Radiological Control Technician
rem	Roentgen(s) equivalent man Resident Officer in Charge of Construction
ROC	radionuclide of concern
RPM	Remedial Project Manager
RPP	Radiation Protection Plan
RSO	Radiation Safety Officer
RSY	radiological screening yard
RWP	Radiation Work Permit
s	second(s)
SAP	Sampling and Analysis Plan
SOP	standard operating procedure
Sr	strontium
SSHO	Site Safety and Health Officer
SSHP	Site Safety and Health Plan
STLC	Soluble Threshold Limit Concentration
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TBD	to be determined
TCRA	time-critical removal action
Th	thorium
TSCA	Toxic Substances Control Act
TSP	Task-specific Plan
TtEC	Tetra Tech EC, Inc.
TTLC	Total Threshold Limit Concentration
U	uranium
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

Introduction

This Work Plan presents the tasks and procedures that will be implemented to investigate and if necessary, remediate, radiologically impacted sites in Parcels B, C, D-2, E, G, UC-1, UC-2, and UC-3 within Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS), San Francisco, California (**Figure 1-1**). This Work Plan covers the radiological management of the project and describes survey procedures and methodologies that will be implemented as part of the radiological investigation activities at the former HPNS.

Radiological surveys and remediation were previously conducted at HPNS as part of a basewide Time-critical Removal Action (TCRA) in accordance with the Action Memorandum (Navy, 2006). Tetra Tech EC, Inc. (TtEC), under contracts with the Department of the Navy (Navy), conducted a large portion of the basewide TCRA from 2006 to 2015. There have been various allegations of data falsification committed by TtEC employees during the TCRA. An independent third-party evaluation of TtEC data found evidence of manipulation and falsification (Navy, 2017a, 2017b, 2017c, and 2017d). As a result, the Navy will re-perform characterization surveys, remediation (if necessary), and final status surveys at sites with historically known contamination and conduct a site investigation on all radiologically impacted sites that were surveyed by TtEC.

The lead agency at HPNS is the Navy, and the lead federal regulatory agency is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Based on the allegations of data falsification, the Navy assembled and is leading a Technical Team (a group of technical experts) to conduct an evaluation and prepare a sampling plan for radiological data. The Technical Team includes representatives from USEPA, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, California Department of Public Health, and the City of San Francisco. An independent third-party team of nationally recognized experts has been contracted to support the Technical Team and perform the evaluation and confirmation investigation. This team includes Battelle; Cabrera Services Inc. (Cabrera); CH2M HILL, Inc. (CH2M); Perma-Fix Environmental Services (Perma-Fix); Remwerks; and SC&A Environmental Services and Consulting. Oregon State University provides technical liaison support for the community. Oak Ridge Associated Universities provides independent review of reports and work plans.

1.1 Radiological Data Evaluation Findings

Radiological Data Evaluation Findings Reports (Navy, 2017a, 2017b, 2017c, 2017d, 2018) were generated to summarize background information and data evaluation activities conducted on the historical radiological data collected by TtEC. The reports included the soil data at Parcels B, C, D-2, E, G, UC-1, UC-2, and UC-3, and building interiors. The evaluation was conducted to (1) identify anomalies (unusual or suspect data) that suggest the possibility of prior data manipulation or falsification, (2) further evaluate the anomalies, and (3) recommend additional action if potentially manipulated or falsified data were identified. The evaluation process for soil included developing databases; establishing a list of primary radionuclides to evaluate; running statistical and logic tests to identify inconsistencies in soil data; performing graphical data reviews to identify anomalies or unusual trends; identifying historically significant sites to find out where potential contamination could be present, and whether manipulation or falsification of data could have underestimated site conditions; identifying sites based on allegations; developing a form to standardize the assessment and document the data evaluation results for every survey unit; and conducting and documenting data reviews.

Soil sample data from trench units (excavated areas created during removal of storm drains and sanitary sewer lines), fill units (excavated material from trench units that was used as backfill), and current buildings and former building sites (survey units where soil was collected in surrounding areas or in crawl spaces) were evaluated. Based solely on a review of the data previously collected by TtEC and the

findings of the data evaluations, recommendations are provided for no further evaluation, reanalysis of archived samples, or confirmation sampling. These recommendations are defined as follows:

- **No Further Evaluation** – No further evaluation of the data is recommended during this phase of the project because it did not appear that data manipulation or falsification by TtEC had occurred in the final systematic soil sample data. This designation is not meant to apply beyond the evaluation of the data and does not preclude other actions that may be taken by the Navy.
- **Reanalysis of Archived Samples** – Reanalysis of the archived soil samples (samples collected by TtEC that may be available in onsite storage) collected as initial systematic sample data at an offsite laboratory is recommended. The evaluation indicated evidence of potential data manipulation or falsification given the methods used to review the data. The purpose for the reanalysis is to (1) compare the initial systematic sample results to the release criteria to see if the results may reveal that the release criteria were met and remediation was not required even though final systematic sample results were potentially manipulated and falsified, or (2) provide offsite laboratory results to document current site conditions.
- **Confirmation Sampling** – Collection of additional soil data is recommended during this phase of the project. The evaluation indicated evidence of potential data manipulation or falsification based upon the methods used to review the data. The available data are suspect, and additional data are needed to document current site conditions.

The Technical Team has decided to address all radiologically impacted sites that were surveyed by TtEC, regardless of whether falsification was identified. Task-specific plans (TSPs) will be provided detailing the extent of survey activities.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of the investigation and remediation (if necessary) is to collect data to accomplish the following:

1. Establish naturally occurring background and ubiquitous anthropogenic fallout levels at HPNS.
2. Update the conceptual site model (CSM).
3. Demonstrate that remedial action objectives have been met in accordance with the records of decision (Navy, 1997, 2009a, 2009b, 2009c, 2010a, 2010b, 2013, 2014).
4. Obtain and provide Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and regulatory closure of the site.



Figure 1-1. Installation Location

1.3 Work Plan Organization

This Work Plan for sampling is organized as follows:

- **Section 1 Introduction** – provides information on radiological data findings and the purpose of the investigation.
- **Section 2 Conceptual Site Model** – summarizes facility and site description and background, and investigations conducted to date.
- **Section 3 Project Requirements** – outlines the roles and responsibilities of personnel as well as required training, health, and safety protocols to be followed.
- **Section 4 Survey Design** – identifies radionuclides of concern (ROCs), survey designs for soil, buildings, and background reference areas, and describes survey instrumentation.
- **Section 5 Survey Implementation** – provides a description of each work activity and a general overview of the sampling plan steps.
- **Section 6 Data Evaluation** – describes the process for reviewing and evaluating radiological data, and making decisions based on the survey results.
- **Section 7 Radioactive Materials Management and Control** – describes how radioactive materials will be managed, including control of samples, work areas, and wastes.
- **Section 8 Waste Management, Transport, and Disposal** – outlines how wastes created during this investigation will be managed.
- **Section 9 Documentation and Records Management** – presents procedures that will be used to manage records/documentation, and to assess, interpret, and report data.
- **Section 10 Environmental Protection Plan** – describes the measures that will be implemented to protect air and water resources.
- **Section 11 Quality Assurance/Quality Control** – describes the quality assurance (QA)/quality control (QC) measures that will be implemented.
- **Section 12 Reporting** – provides descriptions of sample analysis and data validation report, and a description of the various reports that will be prepared as part of the survey.
- **Section 13 References** – presents references cited in this Work Plan.
- **Appendix A** – presents the Perma-Fix California Radioactive Material License 8188-01 (dated June 6, 2017).
- **Appendix B** – presents the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the radiological support and survey activities.
- **Appendix C** – presents the Radiation Protection Plan and contains project-specific instructions to conduct fieldwork and implement radiological controls to manage radiological material.

The activities presented in this Work Plan will be conducted in accordance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and Accident Prevention Plan/Site Safety and Health Plan (APP/SSHP) being prepared and submitted under a separate cover.

Conceptual Site Model

This section provides an updated CSM (**Table 2-1**). The CSM summarizes the site description, history, and current status related to radiologically impacted buildings and former building areas, ship berths, and storm drain and sanitary sewer lines identified in the Historical Radiological Assessment (HRA) (NAVSEA, 2004). The storm drain and sanitary sewer lines were once a combined system identified as radiologically impacted because of the possibility that radioactive waste materials had been disposed of in sinks and drains combined with the potential for the surrounding soil to be impacted by leakage and soil mixing during repairs. A removal action was initiated in 2006 to remove the storm drain and sanitary sewer lines. It included excavation of overburden soil; removal of pipelines; plugging of open sewer or storm drain lines left in place during the removal process; ex situ radiological screening and sampling of the pipeline; and performance of final status surveys of the excavated soil and exposed excavation of trench surfaces. Soil was removed to a minimum of 1 foot below and to the sides of the storm drain and sanitary sewer lines.

Following the investigation and removal actions, there were allegations TtEC potentially manipulated and falsely represented data. In addition, workers in the onsite laboratory used a method to analyze radium (Ra)-226 that may have reported higher than actual radioactivity because of interference with naturally occurring uranium. TtEC presented CSMs in removal action completion reports that were based on potentially falsified data and screening results for Ra-226 reported by the onsite laboratory (results were often biased high).

Significant amounts of work have been completed at HPNS since TtEC presented the previous CSMs. The following major tasks were accomplished:

- Removal of sanitary sewer and storm drain lines
- Review of TtEC data in response to allegations of manipulation and falsification of data
- Testing of low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) bins in support of waste manifests supporting disposal operations

Information obtained during these activities resulted in identification of statements in CSMs presented by TtEC contradicting information from the HRA (NAVSEA 2004) and independent assessments of radionuclide concentrations at HPNS. The HRA, for example, only recommended scoping and characterization surveys of storm and sewer systems associated with NRDL sites or sites associated with radium use, whereas the CSM developed based on problematic TtEC data recommended removal and scanning of the entire storm and sewer system. The data evaluation reports confirmed the presence of anomalous data consistent with allegations of data manipulation and falsification, resulting in a lack of confidence in data provided by TtEC, as well as a lack of confidence in decisions made based on that data. Therefore, the CSM was updated by the HPNS Technical Team and additional sampling is planned to confirm and/or revise the CSMs as needed.

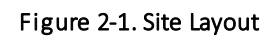
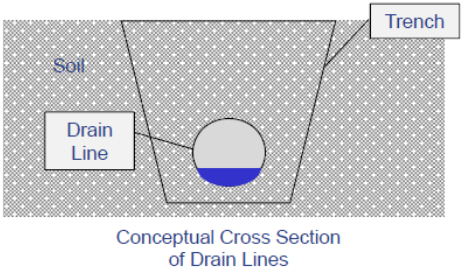


Table 2-1. Conceptual Site Model		
Site Name		Former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard
Site Location		Located on San Francisco Bay in the southeastern corner of San Francisco, California. The site encompasses approximately 848 acres, including approximately 416 acres on land, at the point of a high, rocky, 2-mile-long peninsula projecting southeastward into San Francisco Bay. HPNS is divided into seven parcels, which are further broken down into subparcels or work areas. The potential radiologically impacted sites identified in the HRA (NAVSEA, 2004) and applicable to this Work Plan are located within Parcels B, C, D-2, E, G, UC-1, UC-2, and UC-3 (Figure 2-1).
Site Operations and History		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Decontamination associated with OPERATION CROSSROADS ships (1940s).NRDL activities associated with analyzing samples from nuclear weapons tests, fallout and animal studies, and ship decontamination (1946 to 1970)Manufacture and use of radiography and calibration sources.Fallout-impacted surface soil; former surface soil may be subsurface soil today because of fill activities.Use of radiological commodities.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deck markersRadium dialsHRA conducted in 2004 to document history of radiological materials.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lists “impacted” sites – sites with potential for radioactive contamination
Historical Site Conditions		<p>Facility created from fill with some background levels of radionuclides (for example, NORM and fallout). Dredge spoils from local berths were used as fill for some areas. Trenches were backfilled following removal of sewer lines. Trench backfill is mixed, but documentation of source is available (onsite fill, offsite fill, or mixture). Bay mud or bedrock marks bottom extent of fill material.</p> <p>Site drainage system was designed in the 1940s to discharge to San Francisco Bay and was separated into storm drains and sanitary sewers in 1958, 1973, and 1976, but never completed.</p>
Potential Source Areas	Potential Historical Sources of Radiological Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ship decontamination.Potential spills/releases from the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Storage of samples from nuclear weapons tests at various NRDL facilitiesNRDL waste disposal operations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Solid waste received and consolidated in 707 Triangle AreaLiquid waste stored in tank and processed at Building 364Animal research at Buildings 364 and 707Collection and disposal of radiological commodities (for example, dials, deck markers), radioluminescent devices, incidental disposal of radioluminescent commodities during maintenance, disposal as burial of commodities or still attached to equipment.Leaking radiography and calibration sources could affect buildings listed in HRA Table 6-1, production and maintenance of calibration sources.Small amounts of low-level radioactive liquid waste were authorized for release with dilution to sanitary sewers based on regulations in place at the time.
	Release Areas ¹	<p>Known Release Areas (from Page 6-38 of HRA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parcel G<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building 351A<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contaminated sinks and drain lines in Room 47 were removedBuilding 364 site<ul style="list-style-type: none">“Peanut Spill” (small peanut-shaped spill adjacent to Building 364)Liquid waste tanks removedContamination identified in yard and removedContaminated sinks and drain lines connected to the liquid waste tanks, not to the sanitary sewer, were removedParcel E<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building 506<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holding tank removedContamination found in roof filters and removedBuilding 529<ul style="list-style-type: none">Contaminated sinks and drain lines were removedBuilding 707<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cleaned and released in 1969Solid radiological waste handling and animal research facilityRadiological storage yard outside buildingFormerly Used Defense Sites<ul style="list-style-type: none">Building 815<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sinks and drain lines contaminated with radioactivity removed <p>Potential Releases Identified after the HRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Building 366 ventilation and potential releases to soil.Elevated Cs-137 was found in sediment inside the pipe between Building 529 and the main line with a maximum concentration of 1,939 pCi/g.Ship Berth 5, Survey Unit 4, contamination of soil and on concrete, low activity consistent with radium dial or radioluminescent device.

¹ Buildings 211/253 and drain lines outside of Pumphouse 205 in Parcel C are not included because investigation and remediation are ongoing. Gun Mole Pier was remediated and released and is not included.

Table 2-1. Conceptual Site Model		
	Impacted Buildings ¹	<p>Impacted Buildings with Moderate Contamination Potential (from Table 8-2 of HRA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parcel E: Buildings 406 and 810Parcel G: Buildings 351 and 351A <p>Impacted Buildings with Low or No Contamination Potential (from Table 8-2 of HRA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parcels A, D-2, UC-1: Building 322, 813, and 819Parcel B: Buildings 103, 113, 113A, 130, 140, and 146Parcel C: Buildings 203, 214, 241, 271, and 272Parcel E: Buildings 414 and 521Parcel G: Buildings 365 and 411 <p>Buildings Identified after the HRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Parcel G: Building 401 - gauges and dials found in 2005Parcel G: Building 439 - contamination found during Phase V surveillance activities
	Radionuclides of Concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ra-226Cs-137Sr-90Th-232 (building interior surfaces only)U-235 (only for Building 365 interior surfaces)Pu-239 (soil only for former Building 529 storage vault and associated drain lines, multiple building interiors)
	Potential Migration Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Releases to soil and air, leaching from soil to groundwater, and migration from soil and groundwater to surface water and sediment in the bay.Releases to sanitary sewer lines.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Buildings with known releasesReleases to storm drains.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incomplete separation from sanitary sewer linesRunoff from surface spills.Discharge of storm drain and sanitary sewer lines to bay.Releases from potentially leaking storm drain and sanitary sewer lines to surrounding soil (now removed).Release of sediments from breaks or seams during pressure washing of drain lines. <div><p>Conceptual Cross Section of Drain Lines</p></div>
	Potential Risks to Human Receptors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soil:<ul style="list-style-type: none">External radiation from ROCsIncidental ingestion and inhalation of soil and dust with ROCs for intrusive activities disturbing soil beneath the durable cover (only construction worker receptor)Building surfaces:<ul style="list-style-type: none">External radiation from ROCsInhalation and incidental ingestion of resuspended radionuclides
	Current Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HPNS is not an active military installation. In 1991, HPNS was selected for closure pursuant to the terms of the Defense BRAC Act of 1990. For more than 20 years, the Navy leased many HPNS buildings to private tenants and Navy-related entities for industrial and artistic uses. Current leases include art studios and a police department facility. Parcels A, D-2, and UC-1 have been transferred to the City and County of San Francisco for nondefense use, and the remaining areas of HPNS are also planned to be transferred.All known sources removed by Navy using standards at the time.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Follow-up investigations resulted in removal of small volumes of soil to meet current release criteriaStorm drain and sanitary sewer line removal investigation conducted from 2006 to 2014.<ul style="list-style-type: none">More than 28 miles of trench lines and 300,000 cubic yards of soil investigated and disposed of or cleared for use as onsite fillTrench excavations that have been backfilled now contain homogenized soil from onsite fill, offsite fill, or a mixture of both
	Uncertainties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lower potential for radiological contamination than originally described in historical CSMs.<ul style="list-style-type: none">All known sources removed.Storm drains and sanitary sewer lines periodically power washed prior to 2000.Storm drains and sanitary sewer lines, and 1 foot of soil surrounding the pipe removed (except for some drain lines, in Parcel C Historic District and Parcel E, that remain in place). The sewer lines were removed to within 10 feet of all buildings. Impacted buildings had remaining lines removed during surveys of the buildings. Non-impacted buildings had surveys performed at ends of pipes, and pipes were capped if no contamination was identified.Any residual concentrations may be modified by remobilization (including weathering and migration) and radiological decay.Sediment data from inside pipe not indicative of a large quantity disposal or contamination (maximum Ra-226 concentration of ~4 pCi/g and maximum Cs-137 concentration of ~3 pCi/g, with the exception of Cs-137 associated with Building 529 in Parcel E).Overestimate of Ra-226 concentrations in soil by the onsite laboratory using an imprecise measurement method.LLRW waste bins were tested by the Navy’s independent waste broker at an offsite laboratory using 5-point composites, and only 3 out of 1,411 bins had results with Ra-226 above the release criteria.Potential for data manipulation or falsification.Data quality deficiencies.Cs-137 and Sr-90 are present at HPNS because of global fallout from nuclear testing or accidents. Because of backfill activities, Cs-137 and Sr-90 from fallout are not necessarily only on the surface.Potential for isolated radiological commodities randomly distributed around the site.Trenches where scan data exceeded the investigation level and biased soil samples were not collected.

Notes:
BRAC = Base Realignment and Closure
Cs = cesium
NORM = naturally occurring radiological material
NRDL = Navy Radiological Defense Laboratory
pCi/g = picocurie(s) per gram
Pu = plutonium
Sr = strontium
Th = thorium
U = uranium

Project Requirements

Project requirements, including personnel roles and responsibilities, required training, and health and safety protocols, are in this section. The Project Radiation Safety Officer (PRSO) is responsible for ensuring that all radiological support work is conducted by trained staff in accordance with applicable plans and procedures.

Fieldwork activities are required to be controlled by an active radioactive material license. Perma-Fix will implement its State of California Radioactive Material License (8188-01, dated June 6, 2017), a copy of which is included with this Work Plan in **Appendix A**.

Work activities will be performed in accordance with this Work Plan. The details of work to be completed on each parcel will be provided in separate TSPs upon completion of this Work Plan. Specific procedures to ensure data quality and worker safety are described in the SAP and APP/SSHP (to be submitted under separate cover). **Table 3-1** lists each of the SOPs developed for performing this project work at HPNS. Copies of the SOPs are provided in **Appendix B**.

Table 3-1. Application and Description of Standard Operating Procedures

SOP Number	SOP Title	Application and Purpose
CH2M Document	Soil Sampling	Provides guidelines for obtaining samples of surface and subsurface soils using hand and drilling-rig-mounted equipment.
CH2M Document	Logging of Soil Borings	Provides guidance for obtaining accurate and consistent descriptions of soil characteristics during soil sampling operations.
CH2M Document	Locating and Clearing Underground Utilities	Provides general guidelines and specific procedures that must be followed when locating underground utilities and clearing dig locations.
CH2M Document	Decontamination of Equipment and Samples	Provides general guidelines for the decontamination of sampling equipment, and monitoring equipment used in potentially contaminated environments.
CH2M Document	Preparing Field Logbooks	Provides general guidelines for entering field data into logbooks during site investigation and remediation activities.
CH2M Document	Chain-of-Custody	Provides information on chain-of-custody procedures.
CH2M Document	Packaging and Shipping Procedures for Low-concentration Samples	Provides information on preparing, packaging, and shipping low activity radioactive samples for analysis.
RP-100	Radiation Protection Program	Describes the major elements of the Radiation Protection Program.
RP-101	Access Control	Specifies the process for controlling the access of personnel, equipment, and vehicles into radiological areas.

Table 3-1. Application and Description of Standard Operating Procedures

SOP Number	SOP Title	Application and Purpose
RP-102	Radiological Posting	Identifies the types of postings necessary and requirements to clearly identify radiological conditions in a specific area or location within an area for consistent posting and control of RCAs. It also specifies the requirements for access into and egress from RCAs.
RP-103	Radiation Work Permits Preparation and Use	Provides direction on the requirements of the application, preparation, approval, issuance, and use of general and specific Radiation Work Permits.
RP-104	Radiological Surveys	Specifies methods and requirements for radiological surveys, and the documentation required for the acquired survey data.
RP-105	Unrestricted Release Requirements	Describes the method of surveying equipment, materials, or vehicles for release for unrestricted use.
RP-106	Survey Documentation and Review	Provides the methodology for documenting radiological surveys and provides criteria for the review of these surveys.
RP-107	Measurement of Airborne Radioactivity	Provides the basis and methodology for the placement and use of air monitoring equipment, as well as the collection, analysis, and documentation of air samples.
RP-108	Count Rate Instruments	Provides the methods for setup, daily pre-operational check, and operation of portable count-rate survey instruments.
RP-109	Dose Rate Instruments	Provides the methods for performing source checks and operating portable gamma scintillation dose rate instruments, specifically, the Ludlum Model 12s uR and the Bicon Model Micro Rem.
RP-111	Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management Plan	Provides guidance and requirements for the control of radioactive materials, including the management of radioactive waste.
RP-114	Control of Radiation Protection Records	Describes the requirements for controlling Radiation Protection Program records. It also establishes the requirements for review and temporary storage of these records.
RP-115	Radiation Worker Training	Provides consistent methodology for implementing Radiation Worker Training.
RP-130	Event Reporting and Notification for State of California	Provides a list of California regulatory contacts, a checklist for initiating emergency notifications, and general guidance for notification of incidents.
RP-132	Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination	Provides the guidance for selecting protective clothing, performing personnel surveys, and decontaminating personnel.

Note:

RCA = radiologically controlled area

3.1 Project Roles and Responsibilities

Figure 3-1 presents the organizational project structure and identifies the personnel responsible for the execution of site activities and program oversight. **Figure 3-1** also shows the chain of command for providing radiological and survey activity support at HPNS. The Field Team Leader is responsible for overseeing all field activities for this project. The Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) has overall responsibility for ensuring that fieldwork is conducted in accordance with the Perma-Fix Radioactive Material License. The PRSO is responsible for ensuring that fieldwork is conducted by trained staff in accordance with applicable plans and procedures.

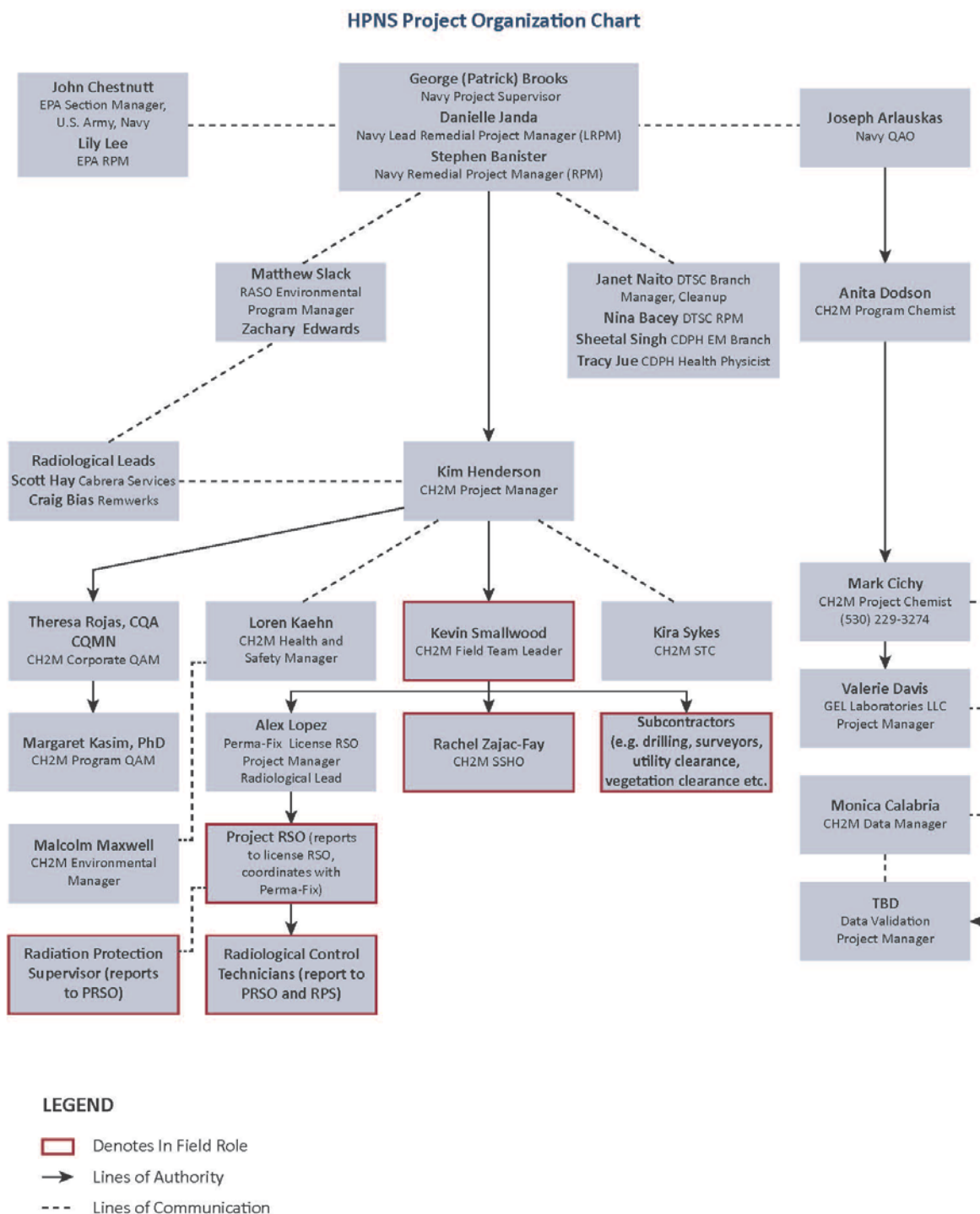


Figure 3-1. HPNS Project Organization Chart

3.2 Subcontractors

Various subcontractors will be selected and employed at HPNS. These subcontractors will be prequalified under the CH2M Approved Vendor qualification program and will be on the Approved Vendors list. The following is a list of subcontractors:

- Perma-Fix
- Cabrera

- Remwerks
- Aleut Laboratory Services
- GEL Laboratories
- Drilling subcontractor (TBD)
- Surveying subcontractor (TBD)
- Utility location subcontractor (TBD)
- Vegetation clearance subcontractor (TBD)
- Transport (trucking) subcontractor (TBD)
- Concrete coring subcontractor (TBD)
- Test pitting subcontractor (TBD)
- Data validation subcontractor (TBD)
- Investigation-derived waste (IDW) subcontractor (TBD)

3.3 Licensing and Jurisdiction

The radioactive material license that will be used for the project is California License 8188-01 (dated June 6, 2017), and is provided by Perma-Fix (subcontractor). The license is attached to this Work Plan in **Appendix A**. Under 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 150.20, Perma-Fix holds a general license to conduct these licensed activities in areas of exclusive federal jurisdiction within the State of California. Authorization will be required from California to work in certain parcels at HPNS. Authorization will be requested and approved prior to the start of field operations by Perma-Fix. **Figure 3-2** details the location of the specific parcels that are under exclusive federal jurisdiction and will require authorization.

The following are State requirements:

- Under the Radioactive Material License (8188-01) Section 16, Perma-Fix will submit an appropriate notification to the State of California, in coordination with CH2M, a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of work.
- Under the Radioactive Material License (8188-01) Section 17, Perma-Fix will obtain an appropriate agreement between Perma-Fix and the Navy, in coordination with CH2M. This agreement will be included in the Section 16 submittal above.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the site has been established and was updated on December 2, 2016. This MOU supersedes all previous MOUs. CH2M will coordinate activities with the Basewide Radiation Contractor to update the MOU as needed.



3.4 Health and Safety Goals

The worker health and safety goal for this project and the overall goal for the CH2M program are to eliminate workplace accidents, gain worker acceptance through cooperation and training, and provide clients with a responsible, well-trained, safety-oriented work force.

The Navy and CH2M consider worker safety the highest priority during work at all project sites and in business offices, and have established a goal of zero incidents. CH2M's program will be conducted in a manner that minimizes the probability of near misses, injury, illness, and equipment or property damage.

All management and employees are to strive to meet the project-specific health, safety, and environment goals outlined herein. The team will be successful only if each member of the team makes a concerted effort to accomplish these goals. The goals help team members to stay focused on optimizing the health and safety of all project personnel, therefore, making the project a success.

The project has established 11 specific goals and objectives, as follows:

1. Create an injury-free environment.
2. Have zero injuries or incidents.
3. Provide management leadership for health, safety, and environment by communicating performance expectations, reviewing and tracking performance, and leading by example.
4. Ensure effective implementation of the APP/SSHP through education, delegation, and teamwork.
5. Ensure 100 percent participation in training programs, personal protective equipment (PPE) use, and health, safety, and environment compliance.
6. Continuously improve safety performance.
7. Maintain free and open lines of communication.
8. Make a personal commitment to safety as a value.
9. Focus safety improvements on high-risk groups.
10. Continue strong employee involvement initiatives.
11. Achieve health and safety excellence.

It is CH2M's policy to perform work safely and to implement controls to ensure that safety is not compromised. To fulfill the requirements of this policy, an organized and effective safety program will be carried out at each location where work is performed.

CH2M believes that injuries are preventable and is dedicated to the goal of a safe work environment. To achieve this goal, every employee, each subcontractor, and all personnel on the project must assume responsibility for safety.

Every employee and subcontractor, and all personnel are empowered to do the following:

- Conduct their work in a safe manner.
- Stop work immediately to correct any unsafe condition that is encountered.
- Take corrective actions so that work may proceed safely.

Safety, occupational health, and environmental protection will not be sacrificed for production.

3.5 Radiological Health and Safety

Fieldwork will be conducted in accordance with Perma-Fix's State of California Radioactive Material License and the SOPs associated with it. **Table 3-1** lists the field radiological SOPs that provide the instructions for conducting field activities involving exposure to radiation and radioactive materials. Copies of the SOPs are provided in **Appendix B**.

Prerequisites for the initiation of survey activities include review of this Work Plan and associated TSPs, radiological evaluation of the designated work areas, and identification of potential safety concerns. Dose rate, contamination, and air monitoring, including initial baseline sampling to determine radiological background conditions, will be performed as necessary and in accordance with this Work Plan and the supporting procedural documents. Radiation Work Permits (RWPs) will be prepared in accordance with SOP RP-103, *Radiation Work Permits Preparation and Use*. RWPs will be used to govern radiological health and safety. PPE levels will be assigned or modified, according to this Work Plan and APP/SSHP, and included in SOP RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*, such that they are protective of health and safety based on radiological considerations and physical and chemical safety issues. Radiological personnel will prepare, approve, and record monitoring records in accordance with SOP RP-114, *Control of Radiation Protection Records*.

Key radiological personnel are expected to have the requisite skills necessary to perform these functions. The key radiological personnel include the following:

- Licensed RSO
- PRSO
- Project Manager for Perma-Fix
- Radiation Protection Supervisor
- Radiological Control Technicians (RCTs)

Roles may be combined as described in this Work Plan. Key personnel will be approved in advance by the CH2M project manager or field lead.

3.6 Radiation Protection

Appendix C contains the Radiation Protection Plan (RPP), which includes key Perma-Fix Radiation Protection Program procedures. The RPP details requirements for activities conducted under the California Radioactive Material License and describes radiation safety practices to be applied in the field and referenced in the APP/SSHP. The RPP covers project activities that involve the use or handling of licensed by-product, source, or special nuclear material (hereinafter referred to as radioactive material); tasks with the potential for radioactive material to be present based on available data and historical records; and work in posted RCAs.

3.6.1 Radiological Postings

Radiological postings are used to delineate areas containing potential or confirmed radiological hazards and to inform personnel and the public of the potential hazard. Radiological posting requirements are found in SOP RP-102, *Radiological Posting*.

3.6.2 Internal and External Exposure Control and Monitoring

Based on review of historical data, radiation doses are not expected to exceed 100 millirems per year for all project personnel. Periodic external dose rate measurements will be taken prior to and during intrusive activities to ensure worker exposures are maintained as low as reasonably achievable. Internal (via bioassay) and external (via thermo-luminescence dosimeter) monitoring are not anticipated during

the field activities. If conditions are found that require personnel exposure monitoring, radiological fieldwork will be stopped, and additional monitoring requirements will be evaluated.

3.6.3 Radiological Access Control

Access control is necessary to provide a consistent methodology for controlling the access of personnel, equipment, and vehicles into radiological areas. Access control points further control the release of the materials, tools, and equipment from radiological areas. Access control requirements are found in SOP RP-101, *Access Control*. It is anticipated that for soil areas classified as Group 1 (**Section 4.3**) and their associated radiological screening yards (RSYs) will be established as RCAs. Personnel and equipment exiting the boundary of an RCA will be surveyed to ensure that persons, their clothing, equipment, and vehicles do not leave the site with contamination levels exceeding project release criteria (**Section 4.1**). It is anticipated that for soil areas classified as Group 2 (**Section 4.3**), RCAs will not be established. If conditions in the field are encountered that warrant additional controls, work will be stopped immediately, and the area will be up-posted as an RCA according to SOP RP-101, *Access Control*.

3.6.4 Radiation Work Permits

An RWP is an administrative mechanism used to establish radiological controls for intended work activities. The RWP provides information to workers on area radiological conditions and entry requirements. Additional radiological safety instructions, such as hold points or action levels, may be added to the RWP to supplement these Work Plan instructions. The following summarize the RWP process for this project:

- RWP creation will be done by the License RSO or designee.
- RWPs will be approved by the License RSO or designee.
- Expected levels of contamination and external exposure rates will be listed in the RWP.
- Current and expected radiological conditions will be listed in the RWP.
- PPE and monitoring requirements will be specified in the RWP.
- Special monitoring instructions, hold points, or action levels may be listed as a part of the RWP requirements.
- RWP approval duration will be for the expected length of the project or until radiological conditions change and a revision is needed.
- Where radiological conditions change such that PPE or monitoring requirements must change, the work will be suspended until a new or revised RWP containing the new RWP requirements is issued.
- Personnel working in the area covered by the RWP will be briefed on the RWP requirements and sign an acknowledgment that they have received and understand the briefing.

RWP requirements are found in SOP RP-103, *Radiation Work Permits Preparation and Use*.

3.6.5 Personal Protective Equipment

PPE will be selected based on the specific hazard and will comply with the SSHP, the RWP, and the activity hazard analysis (AHA) specific to the task being performed. Generally, it is expected that fieldwork PPE will consist of wearing Level DPPE and will include the following:

- Long pants
- High visibility outer layer
- Safety-toed boots
- Hard hat
- Eye protection

Individuals performing work activities with radiologically contaminated or potentially radiologically contaminated material will be required to wear additional PPE as specified in the RWP and may consist of the following:

- Nitrile (or equivalent) gloves

3.6.6 Radiological Issues and Notifications

During survey activities, radioactive anomalies may be identified. For the purposes of this plan, an anomaly is a verified radiological survey instrument response that appears to be distinguishable from typical natural background above the investigation level as described in **Section 4.1**. When an anomaly is identified, the PRSO will notify the RSO and the CH2M field lead, who will then notify the BRAC Program Management Office Remedial Project Manager and Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO), as appropriate. If neither the RSO nor the CH2M field lead is available, the PRSO will contact BRAC and RASO and leave a voicemail and confirmatory e-mail describing the anomaly, and follow up with a call to the appointed designee, if any.

Significant events include regulatory license inspections (such as by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC]), failures to maintain radiological control, injuries, and breaches in security. All significant events will be disclosed to BRAC and RASO. Radiological issues will also be reported to the RSO and CH2M field lead.

3.7 Training

The minimum training requirements for personnel working in the field at HPNS are provided in the SSHP, RWP, and **Sections 3.7.1** and **3.7.2** of this Work Plan, according to roles and responsibilities.

3.7.1 Radiological Training

Radiological training may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- General Employee Radiological Training
- Radiological Worker Training/Certification
- RCT Training/Certification
- RWP Training

Visitors and escorted persons must receive a site briefing and will be assigned to a qualified radiation worker or RCT when in a posted radiological area.

3.7.2 Health and Safety Training

Health and safety training may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 40-hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) training
- OSHA 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher training
- OSHA 8-hour HAZWOPER supervisor training
- OSHA-required On The Job training
- Site- or task-specific AHA training
- Basic first aid training
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training

Survey Design

This section describes the types of radiological surveys that will be implemented during soil and building investigations. Radiologically impacted sites were identified in the HRA and include sites where radiological material may have been used during historical naval operations (see **Table 2-1**). The sites include soil associated with former storm drain and sewer lines, soil associated with current and former building sites, and building interior surfaces.

The soil areas that will be surveyed include the following:

- Radiologically impacted sites with known historical contamination
- Radiologically impacted sites with lower contamination potential
- Background reference areas

Characterization surveys, remediation (if necessary), and final status surveys will be re-done for soil sites with known historical contamination. These surveys will entail 100 percent gamma scans, static gamma measurements, and systematic sample analysis. A site investigation will be conducted for the remaining radiologically impacted sites with lower contamination potential. The site investigation will entail a combination of soil sampling and judgmental scanning and static gamma measurements.

Building surveys will include all impacted surfaces such as floors, walls, ceilings, piping, and ventilation systems or other equipment. Characterization surveys, remediation (if necessary), and final status surveys will be re-done for building structures. Surveys may entail a combination of scanning alpha and beta measurements, static alpha and beta measurements, and swipe alpha and beta measurements.

Background reference areas will also be surveyed and sampled to support data evaluations and to generate isotope-specific backgrounds. For soil sites, the background reference area evaluation is described in **Section 4.2**. For building surveys, background information will be provided in the TSP. Personnel, equipment, and material release surveys are also required, and the details for these surveys are provided in **Section 5.5**.

The scan coverage, number of samples, and laboratory analysis to be performed vary for each location being investigated. Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) (NRC et al., 2000) survey methodology will be used to design and implement surveys and to evaluate and document current site radiological conditions.

4.1 Radionuclides of Concern

The ROCs for specific sites and buildings are provided in the CSM (**Section 2**) and the HRA (NAVSEA, 2004). The ROCs specific to each location of the sampling event will be specified in the applicable TSP. These ROCs are found in Worksheet #10 of the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover), and are provided in **Table 4-1**.

Table 4-1. Radionuclides of Concern

Type	Radionuclide of Concern
Sitewide ^a	Cs-137, Ra-226, Sr-90
Additional ^b	Th-232, U-235+D, Pu-239

^a These radionuclides are considered ROCs for all soil areas and buildings.

^b Additional radionuclides may be considered ROCs for specific soil areas or buildings as described in the TSP based on the recommendations of the HRA.

Notes:

Daughter products and naturally occurring isotopes with sufficient probability of detection and half-lives greater than 5.7 years (the shipyard ceased operations in 1974, "43 years" and 7.5 half-lives equals 5.73 years), will be reported in the gamma spec. report. The following are such daughter products and isotopes: potassium-40, thallium-208, bismuth-212, lead-212, bismuth-214, lead-214, Ra-223, Ra-224, Th-227, actinium-228, Th-228, protactinium-231, protactinium-234, protactinium-234 metastable.

4.1.1 Release Criteria

The release criteria for this project are described in detail in the Action Memorandum (Navy, 2006).

Table 4-2 lists the release criteria for residential soil, building surfaces, and equipment or waste surfaces for ROCs listed in **Table 4-1**.

Table 4-2. Project Release Criteria

Radionuclide	Surfaces		Soil
	Equipment, Waste (dpm/100 cm ²)	Buildings (dpm/100 cm ²)	Residential (pCi/g)
Cs-137	5,000	5,000	0.113
Pu-239	100	100	2.59
Ra-226	100	100	1.0
Sr-90	1,000	1,000	0.331
Th-232	1,000	36.5	1.69
U-235+D	5,000	488	0.195

Note:

dpm/100 cm² = disintegrations per minute per 100 square centimeters

4.1.2 Investigation Levels

Investigation levels are media-specific, radionuclide-specific concentrations or activity levels based on the release criteria that trigger a response, such as further investigation, if the investigation level is exceeded.

4.1.2.1 Soil Investigation Levels

For soil samples, the release criterion from **Table 4-2** for each ROC will be added to the mean for the background reference area data, and the sum of these numbers will be the investigation level. Any soil sample result exceeding a release criterion for any ROC is unexpected and will be investigated as described in **Section 6**.

The investigation level for gamma scan results will be established at three standard deviations above the mean for the gamma scan data set being evaluated. Gamma scan data will be evaluated using a posting

plot. The posting plot will be used to identify areas of elevated activity. Areas of elevated activity will be further investigated by collecting biased samples. Biased soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the data evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

4.1.2.2 Building Investigation Levels

Alpha and beta static and scan measurements on building surfaces will be evaluated using investigation levels developed or calculated from the release criteria listed in **Table 4-2**. Alpha and beta static measurements that exceed the investigation level will be investigated as described in **Section 6**. Alpha and beta scan measurements will be evaluated using a posting plot. The posting plot will be used to identify areas of elevated activity. Areas of elevated activity will be further investigated by collecting biased measurements and swipe samples. Biased alpha and beta measurement results will be evaluated by comparing the results directly with the release criteria from **Table 4-2**.

4.2 Reference Backgrounds

The release criteria presented in **Table 4-2** are incremental concentrations above background; therefore, background reference area samples and measurements will be collected and evaluated to establish representative data sets defining natural background and fallout levels of ubiquitous man-made radionuclides.

Background reference areas are geographical areas from which representative radioactivity measurements are collected for comparison with measurements collected in an impacted area. The background reference area should have physical, chemical, radiological, and biological characteristics similar to those of the impacted area being investigated, but has not been identified as impacted.

Background values and standard deviations for soil and buildings will be determined to validate the number of samples required in each survey unit. Measurements and sample analyses of the radionuclides listed in **Table 4-1**, including Cs-137 and Sr-90 concentrations, will be collected in the background reference areas to provide the information needed. These samples will be collected from two independent intervals, surface and subsurface.

The concentrations of naturally occurring radionuclides and ubiquitous fallout radionuclides in soil at HPNS are variable because of the natural variability of soil and because much of the site was created with fill materials imported from multiple sources. The site has been described as having fill in layers. The geology is not readily known at any given location (multiple layers of fill from multiple sources placed at different times). Concentrations of fallout radionuclides are variable in soil at HPNS because of deposition and migration, combined with layering from construction activities. Compounding this layering, excavations have occurred, and soils from different locations have been combined and homogenized. Thus, the concentrations of naturally occurring and ubiquitous fallout radionuclides in soil may vary by location and depth.

The following sections describe the methodology for the soil and building background reference areas.

4.2.1 Soil Reference Areas

For soil, the historical background locations are still determined to contain non-impacted soils. The background determination will use the same locations that were previously sampled for background. The previous methodology used a single background value associated with soil excavations and separate individual background values for soil at building sites. In this sampling event, a single background value will be established for soil.

The study will include sampling surface and subsurface soil at various depths. The locations will be selected according to the design found on **Figure 4-1**, to provide data that are relevant to the various depths that have been and will be sampled at HPNS.

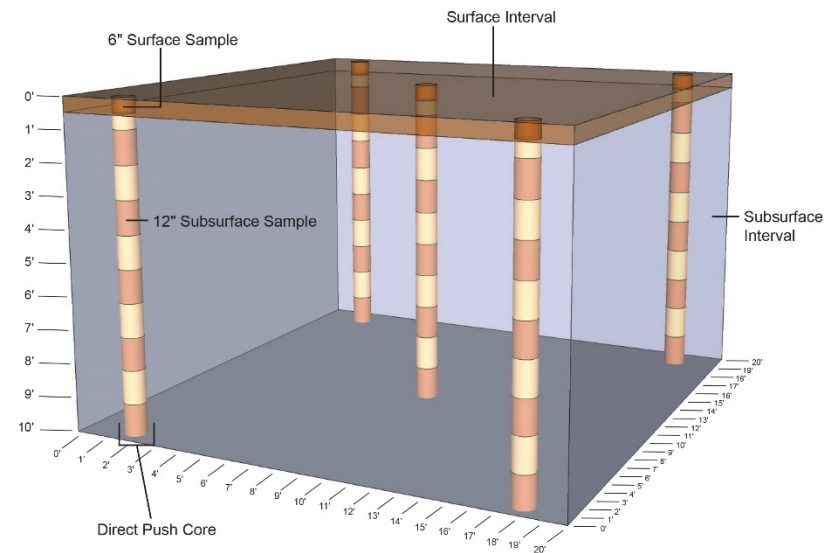
For the background reference area sampling, at least 30 samples (5 surface and 25 subsurface) will be collected at a minimum of 5 background reference areas, for a total of 150 samples for laboratory analysis for the ROCs listed in **Table 4-1**. The release criterion for Ra-226 is discussed in **Section 4.1.1**.

The historical background locations that will be surveyed and sampled will be provided in the background reference area TSP and will include a minimum of five different locations.

To establish background gamma count rate levels for the various survey instruments used on the site, a background reference area with composition similar to the areas/material to be scan-surveyed will be identified, and background values will be established for each of the instruments to be used in the scanning processes. The background determination will include performing gamma static and gamma scan measurements to provide gamma backgrounds and baseline data.

Soil samples will be collected according to the method approved. Direct-push drilling or hollow-stem auger will be the standard collection method for all depths. Surface and subsurface soil at various depths ranging from 0 to 10 feet below the ground surface will be collected according to **Figure 4-1**. A minimum of 150 samples will be collected for laboratory analysis by gamma spectroscopy and alpha spectrometry for the ROCs.

The minimum number of 150 samples was determined using MARSSIM and NRC criteria. The NRC criterion for providing characterization of a complex site is at least 100 samples from at least 5 distinct locations (Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulation [NUREG]-1505). A minimum of 18 measurements will be collected in each survey unit and each background reference area based on MARSSIM guidance (**Section 4.3.3** of this Work Plan). The minimum number of 18 samples was increased to 25 to ensure sufficient background reference area data would be available. In order to satisfy both criteria, at least 150 samples will be collected from at least 5 locations.



1. Each reference area will be a 20-foot by 20-foot square.
2. Surface soil will be exposed, if necessary, prior to sampling (e.g., remove durable cover, asphalt, substrate).
3. The entire surface area of the background location will be gamma scanned.
4. Soil cores will extend 10-feet below the exposed surface.

HPNS Background Reference Areas
 Hunters Point Naval Shipyard
 San Francisco, CA

Figure 4-1. Background Reference Areas

Because the physical size of the samples will be large compared to the mass needed for processing by the laboratory, no additional samples will be collected beyond the number needed for statistical representativeness. The original samples will be split, so that one complete set will be available for analysis by other laboratories, if needed.

The results of the laboratory measurements will be detailed, and a laboratory analysis summary table will provide the background mean, standard deviation, minimum detectable activity, range, and 95 percent upper confidence limit. To calculate the release criterion, the background reference area data (150 samples or the representative background reference area data set) will be used to determine the mean for comparison to the mean of the survey unit.

In addition to using the background data to calculate the release criterion, background data may be needed for data evaluations, such as the NORM assessment, MARSSIM data evaluations, statistics, fallout determination, and dose assessments. Individual measurements in a survey unit will also be compared to the background data for evaluation purposes. Laboratory analyses of background reference area samples will include gamma spectroscopy for gamma-emitting ROCs, nuclide-specific analyses for beta and alpha-emitting ROCs (for example, gas proportional counting for Sr-90, alpha spectrometry for Pu-239/240), and naturally occurring radionuclide analyses to support the NORM evaluation (for example, alpha spectrometry for U-238, U-235, and Th-232, emanation for Ra-226).

4.2.2 Building Reference Areas

For buildings, background reference area surveys will be conducted for alpha and beta measurements, as applicable. These will provide reference instrument responses for these survey types and applied during surveys of building surfaces.

Background reference area surveys will be conducted for alpha and beta measurements. These measurements will provide reference instrument responses for these survey types and will be applied during surveys of building surfaces. Background reference data will be material-specific (for example, concrete, asphalt, brick, and other materials may have differing background count rates). Selection of appropriate background reference areas will be specified in the separate TSP.

Static measures of background alpha and beta radiation or radioactivity concentrations will be obtained for each survey instrument used in the building investigations. Where feasible, background measurements will be performed in non-impacted areas within the same building and on the same surface type being investigated. If the building contains only impacted areas, background will be measured in comparable non-impacted building areas and on similar surfaces. Assuming a static measurement time of 1 minute, the counting time for the background static measurements will be calculated to provide a static minimum detectable concentration (MDC) equal to 50 percent of the applicable release limit. If the calculated background count time exceeds 10 minutes, the static measurement time will be increased until the calculated static MDC is less than or equal to 50 percent of the applicable release limit. The background measurement locations and example *a priori* background count time determinations for each survey instrumentation type will be provided in each TSP. Static MDC calculations are described in **Section 4.6.6**.

4.3 Soil Survey Areas

Soil survey areas include radiologically impacted surface soil associated with former buildings, radiologically impacted soil in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings, and radiologically impacted surface and subsurface soil associated with previously excavated trenches to remove storm drain and sanitary sewer lines. The radiologically impacted soil areas will be divided into Group 1, areas with higher potential for radiological contamination, or Group 2, areas with lower potential for radiological contamination, based on information in the CSM (**Section 2**) and other site-specific information. The soil

investigation protocols are described in greater detail in **Section 5.2** and **Section 5.3**. Evaluation of soil data is described in **Section 6**.

4.3.1 Soil Area Groups

Soil areas will be divided into Group 1 or Group 2 based on information in the CSM (**Section 2**), which describes the potential for radiological contamination.

Group 1 soil areas have a higher potential for radiological contamination and include areas with known or suspected historical contamination based on information provided in the HRA (NAVSEA, 2004).

Group 1 soil areas will be re-excavated to provide access to all impacted soil. All excavated soil will be screened for residual radioactivity using gamma scans, biased samples, and systematic samples. Group 1 soil areas will receive the highest level of radiological screening. Remediation will be performed, if necessary, and final status survey data will be collected to demonstrate that the area is suitable for unrestricted release.

Group 2 soil areas have a lower potential for radiological contamination based on information provided in the HRA (NAVSEA, 2004). Group 2 soil areas will be subjected to a site investigation.

Group 2 soil survey units will further be divided into two subgroups: Group 2a and Group 2b. The purpose of Group 2a surveys is to verify the assumptions in the CSM, that a lower potential for residual contamination exists in Group 2 soil. Group 2a survey units will receive a higher coverage of scanning and a higher density of sampling than Group 2b survey units.

The surfaces of former trenches that were backfilled with 100 percent native fill materials during the removal of the storm and sewer lines are an example of Group 2a soil survey units. This fill material was excavated, spread out on a screening pad, stockpiled, loaded on trucks, and placed back in the trenches, resulting in homogenization of the excavated soil. As a result, the surface soil of these trenches includes a mixture of former trench sidewall and homogenized fill material. The surface area of these trenches is representative of soil associated with former storm drain and sanitary sewer lines that are not associated with known or suspected historical contamination.

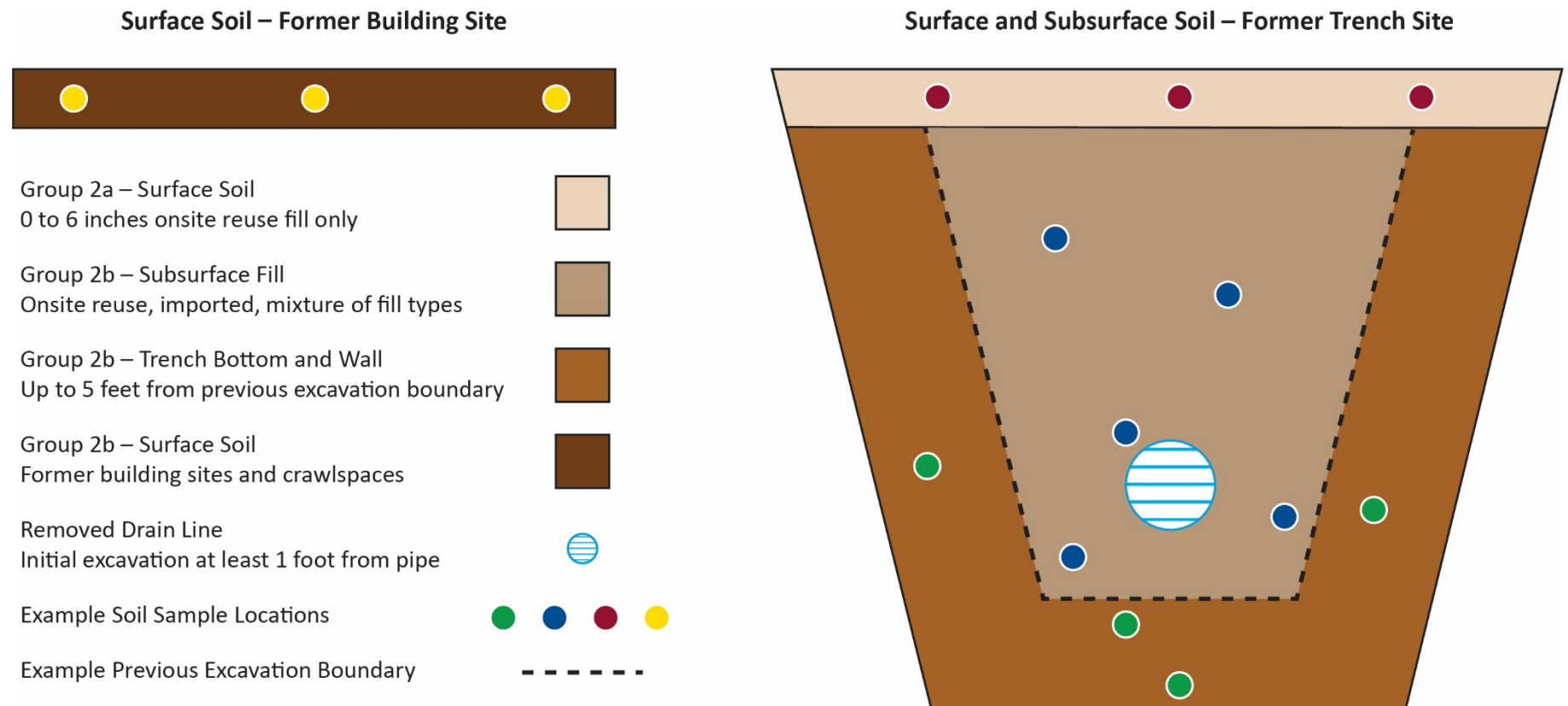
Targeted former trench and fill units may also be selected for Group 2a. These would be selected by discussion with the Navy and regulatory agencies to increase confidence in the assumptions in the CSM.

Group 2a surveys will consist of gamma scans and biased and systematic sampling. If no contamination is identified in Group 2a survey units, then the CSM is verified, and the survey efforts for Group 2b are consistent with the radiological site conditions.

Group 2b soil survey units include the remaining soil in Group 2 that has not been selected for Group 2a. Random and biased soil samples will be collected at Group 2b survey units and may include up to three sets of samples, as follows:

1. Sidewalls and bottoms of trenches where storm drain and sanitary sewer lines were removed, representing soil not removed during previous excavations
2. Fill material placed in trenches where storm drain and sanitary sewer lines were removed, representing previously excavated soil screened for radiological contamination and used as backfill
3. Surface soil associated with former buildings and crawlspaces underlying existing buildings

Figure 4-2 illustrates the difference between Group 2a and the three different soil areas included in Group 2b.



This figure is provided for conceptual purposes only. Actual survey unit boundaries as well as numbers and locations of soil samples will be provided in the TSPs.

Figure 4-2. Group 2 Soil Area Sampling Examples

4.3.2 Size of Survey Units

This field sampling and survey event will follow MARSSIM guidance. The number of samples and the size of a survey unit are based on the methodology used for MARSSIM Classes 1, 2, and 3, modified for site-specific conditions. Definitions for survey classes in this Work Plan derived from MARSSIM glossary definitions are provided on **Figure 4-3**.

Class 1 Areas: Areas with the highest potential for radiological contamination that meet the following criteria: (1) radiologically impacted, (2) potential for exceeding the release criteria, (3) potential for small areas of elevated radioactivity, and (4) insufficient evidence to support classification as Class 2 or Class 3.

Class 2 Areas: Areas that meet the following criteria: (1) radiologically impacted, (2) low potential for exceeding the release criteria, and (3) little or no potential for small areas of elevated radioactivity.

Class 3 Areas: Areas that meet the following criteria: (1) radiologically impacted, (2) little or no potential for exceeding the release criteria, and (3) little or no potential for small areas of elevated radioactivity.

Figure 4-3. MARSSIM Class Definitions

Group 1 and Group 2 soil areas will be divided into survey units of specified size and shape. A separate decision on whether the survey unit achieves the project objectives will be made for each survey unit. In general, Group 1 and Group 2a soil areas will be investigated as Class 1 survey units, and Group 2b soil areas will be investigated as Class 3 survey units. Each area-specific TSP will identify the methodology implemented.

Survey units will follow the minimum suggested size limits identified in MARSSIM Section 4.6. MARSSIM identifies the size as an area, not as a volume, and assumptions are required to calculate a volume. On an area basis, the standard MARSSIM sizes of survey units are as follows:

- Class 1 land areas up to 2,000 square meters (m^2)
- Class 2 land areas 2,000 – 10,000 m^2
- Class 3 land areas no limit

The actual sizes of individual survey units will be provided in the TSP.

MARSSIM guidance will be used for selecting soil sample locations. In general, random-start systematic grids will be used for Group 1 and Group 2a soil areas, while random sampling will be used for Group 2b soil areas. Planned soil sample locations and depths will be specified in the TSP based on the soil group and survey unit boundaries.

4.3.3 Number of Samples in a Survey Unit

The minimum number of samples in a survey unit is determined using the guidance found in MARSSIM Section 5.5.2.1, and is independent of soil group and MARSSIM classification. The following input parameters in **Table 4-3** were used to determine the minimum number of samples collected in a survey unit.

Table 4-3 Number of Samples in a Survey Unit

Label	Ra-226	Cs-137
DCGL _w (above background)	1.0	0.113
$\Delta^* = DCGL_w - Bkg$	1.0	0.113
σ	0.28	0.033
Δ/σ	3.5	3.5

Table 4-3 Number of Samples in a Survey Unit

Label	Ra-226	Cs-137
α & β	0.01	0.01
MARSSIM Table 5-3 values	18	18

Notes:

The release criteria at HPNS (Navy, 2006) are incremental concentrations above background.

MARSSIM Table 5-3 lists the minimum number of samples that will be collected in a survey unit, and an equal number of samples will be collected in a background reference area.

DCGL = derived concentration guidance level. A derived, radionuclide-specific activity concentration within a survey unit corresponding to the release criterion.

α & β are the Type I and Type II decision error rates, respectively.

Because of the varying uncertainty often associated with the standard deviations (σ) that will be obtained at the end of sampling events, the surveys are designed with a minimum of 18 samples for each survey unit and each background reference area. This design is needed because the data describing the final radiological conditions for a specific area will not be available until the samples have been collected, analyzed, and validated. For this reason, conservative estimates of σ were used to estimate the minimum number of samples needed based on available data for Ra-226 and Cs-137. Insufficient data were available to calculate the minimum number of measurements per survey unit based on other ROCs.

4.4 Building Survey Areas

Radiologically impacted buildings will be divided into survey units based on information in the CSM (**Section 2**) and other site-specific information. The building investigation protocols are described in greater detail in **Section 5.4.1** and will be documented in TSPs by parcel or by building. Evaluation of building data is described in **Section 6**.

4.4.1 Building Contamination Potential

Building survey units will be initially classified based on information in the CSM (**Section 2**) describing the potential for radiological contamination as presented in **Table 4-4**. Definitions for survey classes in this Work Plan derived from MARSSIM glossary definitions are provided on **Figure 4-3**. Buildings with moderate contamination potential might be expected to contain a higher proportion of Class 1 and Class 2 survey units than would buildings with low or no contamination potential. All buildings will be investigated for residual radioactivity via alpha-beta scans and biased and systematic static measurements and swipes. Systematic and biased static measurements will be used to validate the survey unit classification before conducting alpha-beta scans to ensure that adequate scan coverage is achieved. Remediation will be performed, if necessary, the survey unit classification re-evaluated, and any additional data collected and evaluated for the final status survey reports.

Table 4-4. Buildings and Associated HRA Contamination Potential

Parcel	Moderate Contamination Potential	Low or No Contamination Potential
A, D-2, UC-1		Buildings 322, 813, 819
B		Buildings 103, 113, 113A, 130, 140, 146
C		Buildings 203, 214, 241, 271, 272
E	Buildings 406, 810	Buildings 414, 521

Table 4-4. Buildings and Associated HRA Contamination Potential

Parcel	Moderate Contamination Potential	Low or No Contamination Potential
G	Buildings 351, 351A	Buildings 365, 401*, 411, 414, 439*

*Buildings 401 and 439 are not identified as impacted in the HRA, but subsequent investigations have determined that they may have low-level contamination from tenant activities.

4.4.2 Size of Survey Units

This field sampling and survey event will follow MARSSIM guidance. The number of samples and the size of a survey unit are based on the methodology used for MARSSIM Classes 1, 2, and 3, modified for site-specific conditions. A separate decision on whether the survey unit achieves the project objectives will be made for each survey unit. Each building-specific TSP will identify the survey unit classification, layout, and methodology implemented.

Survey units will follow the minimum suggested size limits identified in MARSSIM Section 4.6. The standard MARSSIM sizes of survey units are as follows:

- Class 1 building floor areas up to 100 m²
- Class 2 building floor areas 100 to 1,000 m²
- Class 3 building floor areas no limit

The actual sizes of individual survey units will be provided in the TSP.

4.4.3 Number of Samples in a Survey Unit

The minimum number of systematic static measurements and swipes in a survey unit is determined using the guidance found in MARSSIM Section 5.5.2.1, and is independent of soil group and MARSSIM classification. The methodology will be the same as that used for the soil areas in **Section 4.3.3**. Because characterization surveys were not performed in the applicable buildings, and the final status survey data are in question, estimates of radionuclide- and surface-specific background concentrations and residual activity uncertainties are not available. Estimates of the standard deviation of residual activity and background concentrations will be identified in each building TSP.

4.5 Data Quality Objectives

The data quality objectives (DQOs) for the project are provided in Worksheet #11 of the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover) and include the following goals:

- To evaluate and document the validity of the obtained radiological data to support decisions regarding transfer of property at HPNS
- To compare radiological data obtained during the sampling to release criteria to verify that the project goals were met
- To compare radiological data obtained during the sampling to applicable natural background values

Portable radiation survey instruments with suitable physical and environmental qualifications have been selected to perform measurements in the field. Additional information on the types of instrumentation that will be used is provided in **Table 4-5**. Specifics related to survey implementation are provided in **Section 5**. The laboratory instruments used to analyze the soil samples and the associated SOPs for calibration, maintenance, testing, inspection, and QC are discussed in the separate SAP. Each field measurement has an associated investigation level. The investigation level is set at the appropriate statistical level above background and cannot exceed the release criteria. The investigation level may also vary according to the MARSSIM classification of a survey unit. Measurements that are verified to be

above the investigation level will prompt actions to perform further investigations or to implement radiological controls.

4.6 Survey Instrumentation

Portable survey instruments will be used to perform measurements in the field in accordance with applicable SOPs. Instruments will be selected and used that are suitable for the physical and environmental conditions at the site. The instruments that are expected to be used during fieldwork are listed in **Table 4-5**. Additional information for each instrument is presented in **Table 4-5**, including key assumptions and parameters used to calculate the MDC for each instrument. Investigation levels may be established in the field that will be instrument-specific, which may aid in performing effective field activities.

The following instrumentation information is included in this section:

- Soil survey instruments
- Building survey instruments
- Operational support instruments
- Calibration
- Daily performance checks
- Instrument detection calculations (calculations of efficiencies, MDCs, and minimum detectable count rates)

4.6.1 Soil Survey Instruments

The primary gamma scanning instrument that will be used during soil surface surveys will consist of sodium iodide (NaI) or plastic scintillation detectors, and a positioning sensor with software that is able to continuously log data. The gamma radiation measurement will be coupled to the position measurement to allow for visualization of the data set.

4.6.2 Building Survey Instruments

Instruments to be used for measuring activity on building surfaces will include alpha-beta dual phosphor surface contamination detectors, alpha-beta gas flow proportional detectors, or dual phosphor alpha-beta bench top counters for analysis of surface smear samples.

4.6.3 Operational Support Instruments

Instruments to be used for worker protection and monitoring of ongoing characterization activities will include dose and exposure rate instruments, alpha-beta dual phosphor surface contamination detectors, hand-held 2-inch by 2-inch NaI detectors for gross gamma investigations, and a dual phosphor alpha-beta bench top counter for analysis of surface smear samples and air samples.

Table 4-5. Instruments and Investigation Limits for Static Measurements

Meter/ Detector (or equivalent)	Instrument Use	Active Probe Area (cm ²)	Maximum α/β or γ Background (cpm)	Minimum Count Time (minutes)	Minimum α/β Efficiency (counts per disintegration)	Maximum α/β or γ MDC (net cpm)	α/β or γ Investigation Levels (net cpm)
2360/43-37	Direct/Static Alpha/Beta	584	10/1300	0.1	0.155/0.18	21/69	23/1080 ^a
2360/43-89	Direct/Static Alpha/Beta	126	3/300	1	0.155/0.18	7/48	7/360 ^a

Table 4-5. Instruments and Investigation Limits for Static Measurements

Meter/ Detector (or equivalent)	Instrument Use	Active Probe Area (cm ²)	Maximum α/β or γ Background (cpm)	Minimum Count Time (minutes)	Minimum α/β Efficiency (counts per disintegration)	Maximum α/β or γ MDC (net cpm)	α/β or γ Investigation Levels (net cpm)
2360/43-93	Direct/Static Alpha/Beta	100	1.3/300	1	0.155/0.18	7/60	7/360 ^a
2929/3030	Smear Counting	100 ^b	1.2/80	3	0.315/0.243	3.1/18.4	3.2/96 ^a
2221/LM 44-20	Direct Gamma (in situ soil)	N/A	29,000	0.1	2,300 cpm/ μ R/hr	1,800	3,500
2221/LM 44-20	Direct Gamma (2-inch diameter, 5-foot-long soil core) ^c	N/A	10,000	0.3	2,300 cpm/ μ R/hr	610	820
2221/LM 44-20	Direct Gamma (3-inch diameter, 5-foot-long soil core) ^c	N/A	10,000	0.3	2,300 cpm/ μ R/hr	610	1,060
2221/LM 44-20	Direct Gamma (4-inch diameter, 5-foot-long soil core) ^c	N/A	10,000	0.3	2,300 cpm/ μ R/hr	610	920
Bicron μ rem	Dose Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	+/- 30% of the true value	N/A	N/A ^d

^a Beta measurements are attributed to Sr-90, the most restrictive beta emitter (1,000 dpm/100 cm² release criteria). For this reason, the instruments will be calibrated with 2 π geometry for Sr-90 and yttrium-90. The TSPs may provide alternative methods if such alternative methods are approved by the Navy in writing prior to implementation.

^b The nominal wipe area is 100 cm².

^c Modeling was performed to analyze the LM 44-20 response to 2-inch, 3-inch, and 4-inch-diameter soil cores because at this time, it is not known what type of subsurface sampling equipment will be used. Count times may be increased in the field.

^d There is no investigation level because the meter is used for dose determinations and operational health physics.

Note:

μ R/hr = microRoentgen(s) per hour

μ rem = microrem

cm² = square centimeter(s)

cpm = count(s) per minute

4.6.4 Calibration

Portable survey instruments will be calibrated annually at a minimum, in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) N323a-1997 Radiation Protection Instrumentation Test and Calibration, Portable Survey Instruments (ANSI N323) (ANSI, 1997), or an applicable later version. Instruments will be removed from service on or before calibration due dates for recalibration. If ANSI N323 does not provide a standard method, the calibration facility should comply with the manufacturer's recommended method. The instrument efficiency must meet or exceed the specification in **Table 4-5** unless an alternative has been approved in writing by the Navy.

4.6.5 Daily Performance Checks

Prior to use of the portable survey instruments, calibration verification, physical inspection, battery check, and source-response check will be performed in accordance with SOP RP-108, *Count Rate Instruments*, and SOP RP-109, *Dose Rate Instruments*. Portable survey instruments will have a current calibration label that will be verified daily prior to use of the instrument.

Physical inspection of the portable survey instrument will include the following:

- General physical condition of the instrument and detector prior to each use
- Knobs, buttons, cables, connectors
- Meter movements/displays
- Instrument cases
- Probe/probe windows
- Other physical properties that may affect the proper operation of the instrument or detector

Any portable survey instrument or detector having a questionable physical condition will not be used until problems have been corrected. A battery check will be performed to ensure that sufficient voltage is being supplied to the detector and instrument circuitry for proper operation. This check will be performed in accordance with the instrument's operations manual. The instrument will be exposed to the appropriate (alpha, beta, gamma) check source to verify that the instrument response is within the plus or minus 20 percent range determined during the initial response check. The calibration certificates and daily QA/QC records for each instrument used and the instrument setup test records will be provided in the project report.

If any portable survey instrument, or instrument and detector combination, having a questionable physical condition that cannot be corrected fails any of the operation checks stated in SOP RP-108, *Count Rate Instruments*, or SOP RP-109, *Dose Rate Instruments*, or has exceeded its annual calibration date without PRSO approval, the instrument will be put in an "out of service" condition. This is done by placing an "out of service" tag or equivalent on the instrument and securing the instrument or the instrument/detector combination in a separate area such that the instrument and instrument/detector combination cannot be issued for use. The PRSO and RCTs and their respective supervisors will be notified immediately when any survey instrumentation has been placed "out of service." Instruments tagged as "out of service" will not be returned to service until all deficiencies have been corrected. The results of the daily operation checks, discussed above, will be documented.

4.6.6 Instrument Detection Calculations

The equations in the following section have been previously approved by the Navy to calculate efficiencies, MDCs, and minimum detectable count rates at HPNS. The count times for instruments may be adjusted from the specifications in **Table 4-5** if the efficiency is higher or the background is lower than the specifications in **Table 4-5**. The instrument equations in this section may be used to calculate adjustments if the changes are approved in writing by a Certified Health Physicist prior to initial use. In no case will an adjustment result in a sensitivity that exceeds the applicable release criterion.

4.6.6.1 Gamma Surface Activity

Estimating the amount of radioactivity that can be confidently detected using field instruments is performed by adapting the methodology and approach used in MARSSIM (Section 6.7.2.1) and modified NRC NUREG-1507 (*Minimum Detectable Concentrations with Typical Radiation Survey Instruments for Various Contaminants and Field Conditions* [NRC, 1998a]) (Section 6.8.2) for determining the gamma scan MDC for photon-emitting radionuclides.

The general rationale for determining the MDCs is that a critical value of detection is calculated. If an instrument response above a certain count rate is obtained, then there is a 95 percent or higher confidence level that the instrument response is the result of elevated activity. The equations quantify the signal-to-noise ratio (that is, how much gamma activity [signal] must be present in the material being surveyed to be distinguishable from background [noise]). As the number of photons that interact with the detector increases (achieved by either increasing the concentration of gamma-emitting isotopes or increasing the mass of gamma-emitting material within the detector field-of-view), the MDC decreases.

The computer code Microshield (Version 11) was used to model expected exposure rates from the radioactive source at the detector probe NaI crystal and includes source-to-detector geometry. The geometry is used to calculate the total flow of photons incident upon the detector crystal, called the gamma fluence rate, ultimately corresponding to an exposure rate that is associated with a count rate in the instrument.

The amount of radiation the detector crystal is exposed to from the modeled source is used to determine the relationship between the detector's net count rate and the net exposure rate (cpm/ μ R/hr).

The model assumes the following:

- The radioactive source is a modeled volume of soil.
- This modeled volume of soil contains Ra-226 in secular equilibrium with its daughters.
- The Ra-226 is uniformly distributed in soil at a concentration of 1 pCi/g.
- The modeled volume of soil for direct gamma (in situ soil) is a cylinder with a depth of 2 meters and a diameter of 33.85 meters (that is, an area of 900 m², which is consistent with the area of many previous survey units at HPNS).
- The exposure rate is calculated for a point 4 inches above the center of the cylinder (the geometry in which gamma static measurements will be collected on in situ soil).

The result of the Microshield calculation is an exposure rate of 1.92 μ R/hr.

Similar modeled exposure rates 2 inches above 5-foot-long soil cores as noted in **Table 4-5** are as follows:

- 2-inch diameter: 0.104 μ R/hr
- 3-inch diameter: 0.189 μ R/hr
- 4-inch diameter: 0.278 μ R/hr

4.6.6.2 Gamma Scan MDC

Gamma scan minimum detectable concentration (scan MDC) is a parameter of central importance to a MARSSIM-based survey. The ability to effectively detect small, localized areas of elevated activity that may be missed during the collection of random systematic sample locations is necessary to ensure that areas of a survey unit are adequately investigated, thus allowing for greater confidence in the outcome of the statistical tests.

Field instrument use will be evaluated and controlled to verify that MDCs less than the appropriate limit for scanning measurements are routinely achieved. Implementation of these MDC requirements is discussed below. The MARSSIM framework for determining the MDC for field instrument scanning activities is based on the premise that there are two stages of scanning. That is, surveyors do not make decisions based on a single indication; rather, upon noting an increased number of counts, they pause briefly and then decide whether to move on or take further measurements. Thus, scanning consists of two components: continuous monitoring and stationary sampling. Because the data collected during surface soil gamma scans will be automatically logged, relying solely on the surveyor to make a decision in real time has been eliminated. Accordingly, field instrument surveyor scan MDCs, minimum detectable count rate-surveyor ($MDCR_s$), are calculated to control the occurrence of Type I (false positive) and Type II (false negative) errors using the following MARSSIM equations:

Equation 4-1

$$MDCR_s = \frac{MDCR}{\sqrt{p\varepsilon}}$$

Where:

MDCR = minimum detectable count rate (cpm)

p = surveyor efficiency

ε = instrument efficiency (cpm/ μ R/hr; Table 6.4, NRC, 1998a).

Equation 4-2

$$MDCR = s_i \left(\frac{60}{i} \right)$$

Where:

Equation 4-3

$$s_i = d' \sqrt{b_i}$$

Where:

s_i = minimal number of net source counts required for a specified level of performance for the counting interval i (seconds).

d' is the index of sensitivity.

b_i is the number of background counts in the interval.

Index of sensitivity d' values are listed in MARSSIM Table 6.5 based on the proportions for required true positive and tolerable false positive occurrence rates. The index of sensitivity value selected for initial use at the Site is 3.28, corresponding to a true positive proportion of 0.95 and a false positive proportion of 0.05.

As an example calculation, the scan MDC for Ra-226 using a Ludlum 2221 with a Model 44-20 3-inch by 3-inch NaI detector is determined herein using NUREG-1507 (NRC, 1998a) and MARSSIM factors and methodology.

Relationship between Detector Response (cpm) and Exposure Rate (μ R/hr)

The manufacturer of the NaI probe provides an estimated response of the crystal in a known radiation field, which is 2,300 cpm/ μ R/hr at the Cs-137 energy of 0.662 megaelectron volts (MeV). Because the gamma energy of Cs-137 is similar to the average energy of Ra-226 and its progeny radionuclides (0.7 MeV average energy [Cember, 1996], 0.8 MeV effective energy [NCRP, 1991]), the manufacturer's response will be applied to Ra-226.

Calculation of Minimum Detectable Count Rates

A typical background exposure rate is 10 $\mu\text{R/hr}$. Using a conversion factor of 2,300 cpm/ $\mu\text{R/hr}$ for Ra-226 results in a count rate of 23,000 cpm. To provide a conservative margin of operation for field activities where higher backgrounds may be present, a maximum background of 29,000 cpm will be applied. The number of background counts in a 6-second scan time interval is calculated as:

$$b_i = \frac{29,000 \text{ cpm}}{60 \text{ sec/min}} \times 6 \text{ sec} = 2,900$$

Using **Equation 4-3**, s_i is calculated as:

$$s_i = 3.27 \times \sqrt{2,900} = 180 \text{ counts}$$

Where:

- b_i = the maximum number of counts in the background interval (2,900 counts)
- i = the observation interval length (6 seconds)
- p = efficiency of an automatic data logging instrument = 1
- d' = detectability index from Table 6.5 of MARSSIM; a value of 3.28 was selected, which represents a false positive detection rate of 5 percent
- s_i = minimum detectable number of net source counts in the observation interval (counts)

The minimum detectable count rate is calculated using **Equation 4-2** as:

$$MDCR = 66.18 \times \left(\frac{60}{6} \right) = 1,800 \text{ cpm}$$

Calculation of Minimum Detectable Exposure Rate

The corresponding minimum detectable exposure rate (MDER) is then determined for the Ludlum Model 44-20 detector and Ra-226. Using the manufacturer-provided average gross gamma count rate of 2,300 cpm/ $\mu\text{R/hr}$, the MDER is calculated by dividing the minimum detectable count rate by the count rate to exposure rate ratio. The calculated MDER is:

$$MDER = \frac{1,800 \text{ cpm}}{2,300 \frac{\text{cpm}}{\mu\text{R}} / \text{hr}} = 0.77 \mu\text{R/hr}$$

Calculation of MDCscan

Using the MicroShield-determined exposure rate of 1.92 $\mu\text{R/hr/pCi/g}$ Ra-226, the radionuclide concentration of Ra-226 necessary to yield the MDER (0.77 $\mu\text{R/hr}$) is calculated as follows:

$$MDCscan = (1 \text{ pCi/g}) \frac{0.77 \mu\text{R/hr}}{1.92 \mu\text{R/hr}} = 0.4 \text{ pCi/g}$$

Minimum counting times for static counts of total and removable surface activity should be adjusted to provide an MDC that is a fraction of the acceptable surface contamination levels found in **Table 4-2**. MARSSIM equations have been modified to convert to units of dpm/100 cm^2 . Static MDCs at a 95 percent confidence level are calculated using **Equation 4-4**, which is modified from Equation 6 in Strom and Stansbury, 1992:

Equation 4-4

$$MDC_{static} = \frac{3 + 3.29 \sqrt{B_r \cdot t_s \cdot (1 + \frac{t_s}{t_b})}}{t_s \cdot E_{tot} \cdot \frac{A}{100}}$$

Where:

- MDC_{static} = minimum detectable concentration level in dpm/100 cm²
 B_R = background count rate in cpm
 t_B = background count time in minutes
 t_S = sample count time in minutes
 A = detector probe physical (active) area in cm²
 E_{tot} = total detector efficiency for radionuclide emission of $E_i \times E_s$,
 where:

- E_i = 2π instrument efficiency in counts per particle (c/p)
 E_s = source (or surface contamination) efficiency

E_s values can be determined empirically or assigned default values. **Equation 4-4** may be used to calculate static MDCs for gamma measurements by substituting appropriate gamma efficiencies and omitting the term $(A/100)$. **Equation 4-4** may be used to calculate static MDCs when the background count time is not equal to the sample count time.

4.6.6.3 Instrument Beta Scan Measurement Rates and Alpha Detection Probabilities

Alpha or beta scanning measurements will be performed in buildings based on the ROCs identified for the building in the HRA or subsequent investigations. The measurements for alpha and beta surface activity occurs simultaneously during scanning; however, the signal detection theory for alpha-emitters differs greatly from that of beta-emitters. Because the normal alpha background count rates in some detectors is less than 1 cpm, and only alpha count rates about three times background are detectable, it is not practical to establish a fixed MDC for alpha scanning. Instead, the average scan rate for the detector will be established such that the calculated beta scan MDC is 50 percent of the applicable beta DCGL_w. The rate will then be used to verify that alpha surface activity can be detected at the alpha DCGL_w with at least 90 percent probability. While scanning at this average rate, the surveyor will pause to investigate alpha counts recorded above the established threshold (usually 1 or 2 cpm). The duration of that pause will be determined to ensure that there is at least 90 percent probability of detecting another alpha count.

The rate at which each detection instrument traverses the surface being surveyed is necessarily detector- and radionuclide-specific, and varies with accepted error rates, surveyor efficiency, and surface beta background. Determination of the beta scan rate is based on requiring the instrument scan MDC to be at least 50 percent of the applicable beta DCGL_w. Beta scan MDCs are calculated using **Equation 4-5**, adapted from NRC, 1998a (Equation 6-9):

Equation 4-5

$$\beta \text{ scan MDC} = \frac{d' \times \sqrt{B_R \times \frac{i}{60}} [B \times \frac{i}{60}]^{1/2} \times \frac{60}{i}}{\sqrt{p} \times \varepsilon_i \times \varepsilon_s \times \frac{A}{100}}$$

Where:

- $\beta \text{ scan MDC}$ = beta scan MDC in dpm/100 cm²
 d' = index of sensitivity (for error rates α and β)

B	= background beta count rate in cpm
i	= scan detector observation interval in seconds
p	= scan surveyor efficiency
ϵ_i	= 2π instrument beta efficiency in counts per particle (c/p)
ϵ_s	= beta surface activity efficiency
A	= detector probe physical (active) area in cm ²

Equation 4-1 assumes that small areas of elevated surface activity (hot spots) are 100 cm² in size or 10 centimeters (cm) x 10 cm. In this case, the scan MDC has been determined to be 50 percent of the applicable beta DCGL_w in dpm/100 cm², so the remaining unknown is the detector observation interval, *i*. Solving Equation 4-5 for *i* yields:

Equation 4-6

$$i = \frac{(d')^2 \times B \times 60}{p \times \epsilon_i^2 \times \epsilon_s^2 \times \left(\frac{A}{100}\right)^2 \times \beta \text{ scan MDC}^2}$$

The average *a priori* beta scan rate may then be determined by dividing the width of the elevated area (in the direction of the scan) by the observation interval, *i*. For example, for *i* = 4 seconds (s), the required average scan rate would be 10 cm/4 s = 2.5 centimeters per second (cm/s). The factor A/100 is not used for scanning instruments where A is large relative to the assumed size of the surface activity source (that is, A is greater than ~ 100 cm²).

Once the required average beta scan rate is determined, it can be used to verify that the probability of detecting surface activity at the alpha DCGL_w is at least 90 percent using **Equations 4-7** and **4-8**.

Equation 4-7 is used for detectors having background rates near zero (that is, 1 to 3 cpm) to determine the probability of recording at least one count, $P(n \geq 1)$, during the dwell time, *t*, when surface activity is present at the alpha DCGL_w. **Equation 4-8** is used for detectors having higher background rates (that is, 5 to 10 cpm) to determine the probability of recording at least two counts, $P(n \geq 2)$, because pausing after single recorded counts would be prohibitively inefficient given the inordinate number of false positives.

Equation 4-7

$$P(n \geq 1) = 1 - e^{-\frac{G\epsilon_i\epsilon_s d}{60v}}$$

Equation 4-8

$$P(n \geq 2) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{(G\epsilon_i\epsilon_s + B)t}{60}\right] \left[e^{-\frac{(G\epsilon_i\epsilon_s + B)t}{60}}\right]$$

Where:

$P(n \geq 1)$	= probability of recording one or more counts in dwell time, <i>t</i>
$P(n \geq 2)$	= probability of recording two or more counts in dwell time, <i>t</i>
G	= alpha DCGL _w = hot spot or surface activity (dpm)
ϵ_i	= 2π instrument alpha efficiency in counts per particle (c/p)
ϵ_s	= alpha surface activity efficiency
B	= background alpha count rate (cpm)
d	= detector width in direction of scan (cm)
v	= average scan rate (cm/s)
t	= d/v, dwell time over source (s)

When a single alpha count is recorded, the surveyor will pause forward motion to investigate the area beneath the detector. The length of this pause is determined using **Equation 4-9** to ensure at least 90

percent probability that another alpha count can be detected if the surface activity is at the alpha DCGL_w.

Equation 4-9

$$t_p = \frac{13,800}{GA\varepsilon_i\varepsilon_s}$$

Where:

t_p	= pause time after detecting single alpha count (s)
G	= alpha DCGL _w = hot spot or surface activity (dpm)
ε_i	= 2π instrument alpha efficiency in counts per particle (c/p)
ε_s	= alpha surface activity efficiency
A	= detector probe physical (active) area in cm ²

The *a priori* beta scan rate and alpha detection probability calculations for each survey instrumentation type will be provided in each TSP. Two examples using typical alpha-beta scan measurement detectors are provided below to demonstrate use of the equations.

Example: Scan Rate Calculation for 126-cm² Gas Proportional Floor Monitor

The ROCs for Building 130 include Cs-137 (a beta emitter) and Ra-226 (an alpha emitter). The average scan rate will be based on the Cs-137 DCGL_w and the probability of detecting Ra-226 calculated at the required scan MDC. From the Action Memorandum (Navy, 2006), the residential building DCGL_w for Cs-137 is 5,000 dpm/100 cm², and for Ra-226, it is 100 dpm/100 cm². The acceptable error rates are chosen as $\alpha=\beta=5\%$ which results in $d'=3.28$ from MARSSIM Table 6.5. The size of hot spots is assumed to be 100 cm². Because of the large detector size, the factor $A/100$ is not used. Using **Equation 4-6**:

$$i = \frac{(3.28)^2 \times 315 \times 60}{0.5 \times 0.43^2 \times 0.5^2 \times 2,500^2} = 1.41 \text{ s}$$

Where:

d'	= 3.28 (for $\alpha=\beta=5\%$)
B	= 315 cpm (for example, Ludlum Model 43-68)
p	= 0.5
ε_i	= 0.43
ε_s	= 0.5
β scan MDC	= required scan MDC = 50 percent Cs-137 DCGL _w = 2,500 dpm/100 cm ²

For a hot spot size of 100 cm², the detector moves over its width (10 cm) during the observation interval (1.41 s) such that the average scan rate required to meet the scan MDC requirement (50 percent) is 10 cm/1.41 s = 7.1 cm/s. This scan rate illustrates that the scan MDC is achievable with the detector and survey parameters chosen. If the scan rate during the survey is less, i increases, resulting in a lower actual scan MDC.

The expected alpha background count rate for this detector is equal to or less than 3 cpm. Using the average beta scan rate of 7.1 cm/s and Equation 4-3, one can verify that there is at least 90 percent probability of recording at least one alpha count during the detector dwell time if the surface activity is at the Ra-226 DCGL_w of 100 dpm over 100 cm².

$$P(n \geq 1) = 1 - e^{-\frac{100 \times 0.35 \times 0.5 \times 11.7}{60 \times 7.1}} = 0.382 = 38.2\%$$

Where:

G	= 100 dpm
ε_i	= 0.35

$$\begin{aligned}
 \epsilon_s &= 0.5 \\
 d &= 11.7 \text{ cm} \\
 v &= 7.1 \text{ cm/s} \\
 t &= 11.7 \text{ cm} / 7.1 \text{ cm/s} = 1.65 \text{ s}
 \end{aligned}$$

Each time a single alpha count is recorded, the surveyor pauses to investigate for the period t_p :

$$t_p = \frac{13,800}{100 \times 126 \times 0.35 \times 0.5} = 6.26 \text{ s}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= 100 \text{ dpm} \\
 \epsilon_i &= 0.35 \\
 \epsilon_s &= 0.5 \\
 A &= 126 \text{ cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

In this example, scanning at the average beta scan rate is adequate for beta radiation but too fast to sufficiently detect alpha surface activity. An adjusted dwell time of $(1.65 \times 0.90)/0.382$ or 3.89 s would raise $P(n \geq 1)$ to 90 percent but would also result in an adjusted beta scan rate of 2.57 cm/s.

Example: Scan Rate Calculation for 821-cm² Gas Proportional Floor Monitor

The ROCs for Building 130 include Cs-137 (a beta emitter) and Ra-226 (an alpha emitter). The average scan rate will be based on the Cs-137 DCGL_w and the probability of detecting Ra-226 calculated at the required scan MDC. From the Action Memorandum (Navy 2006), the residential building DCGL_w for Cs-137 is 5,000 dpm/100 cm². The acceptable error rates are chosen as $\alpha = \beta = 5\%$, which results in $d' = 3.28$ from MARSSIM Table 6.5. The size of hot spots is assumed to be 100 cm². Because of the large detector size, the factor $A/100$ is not used. Using **Equation 4-6**:

$$i = \frac{(3.28)^2 \times 1,620 \times 60}{0.5 \times 0.46^2 \times 0.5^2 \times 2,500^2} = 6.33 \text{ s}$$

Where:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d' &= 3.28 \text{ (for } \alpha = \beta = 5\%) \\
 B &= 1,620 \text{ cpm (for example, Ludlum Model 43-37-1)} \\
 p &= 0.5 \\
 E_i &= 0.46 \\
 E_s &= 0.5 \\
 \beta \text{ scan MDC} &= \text{required scan MDC} = 50 \text{ percent Cs-137 DCGL}_w = 2,500 \text{ dpm/100 cm}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

For a hot spot size of 100 cm², the detector moves over its width (10 cm) during the observation interval (6.33 s) such that the average scan rate required to meet the scan MDC requirement (50 percent) is 10 cm/6.33 s = 1.6 cm/s. This scan rate is too slow to effectively implement and control, and this slowness should be cause to evaluate the detector and survey parameters chosen. In reality, the background count rate used in the example is higher than expected for this model detector, and a lower background rate would result in a shorter observation interval and faster scan rate that still meet the MDC requirement.

The expected alpha background count rate for this detector is much higher, up to 10 cpm. Using the average beta scan rate of 1.6 cm/s and Equation 4-4, one can verify that there is at least a 90 percent probability of recording at least one alpha count during the detector dwell time if the surface activity is at the Ra-226 DCGL_w of 100 dpm over 100 cm².

$$P(n \geq 2) = 1 - \left[1 + \frac{(100 \times 0.35 \times 0.5 + 9)9.94}{60} \right] \left[e^{-\frac{(100 \times 0.35 \times 0.5 + 9)9.94}{60}} \right] = 98.3\%$$

Where:

G	= 100 dpm
ϵ_i	= 0.35
ϵ_s	= 0.5
B	= 9 cpm
d	= 15.9 cm
v	= 1.6 cm/s
t	= 15.9 cm/ 1.6 cm/s = 9.94 s

Each time a single alpha count is recorded, the surveyor pauses to investigate for the period t_p :

$$t_p = \frac{13,800}{100 \times 821 \times 0.35 \times 0.5} = 0.96 \text{ s}$$

Where:

G	= 100 dpm
ϵ_i	= 0.35
ϵ_s	= 0.5
A	= 821 cm ²

In this example, even though the detector alpha efficiency is lower and background higher, the larger detector area and slower scan rate provide a large dwell time and nearly 100 percent probability of detecting alpha surface activity at the DCGL_w.

4.6.6.4 Alpha and Beta Static MDC

Alpha and beta count rate static (direct) measurements will be performed at systematic locations based on the ROCs identified for the building in the HRA or subsequent investigations. The static MDC for each instrument used for static measurements will be determined as described below using building-specific background measurements and will not exceed 50 percent of the applicable DCGL_w. If the calculated static MDC exceeds 50 percent of the applicable DCGL_w, the background counting time or the static measurement counting time will be increased until the static MDC is less than or equal to 50 percent of the applicable DCGL_w. Example *a priori* static MDC calculations for each survey instrumentation type will be provided in each TSP.

Static MDCs at a 95 percent confidence level are calculated using **Equation 4-10**, which is modified from Equation 6 in Strom and Stansbury, 1992:

Equation 4-10

$$MDC_{static} = \frac{3 + 3.29 \sqrt{B_r \cdot t_s \cdot (1 + \frac{t_s}{t_b})}}{t_s \cdot E_{tot} \cdot \frac{A}{100}}$$

Where:

MDC _{static}	= minimum detectable concentration level in dpm/100 cm ²
B _R	= background count rate in cpm
t _B	= background count time in minutes
t _S	= sample count time in minutes
A	= detector probe physical (active) area in cm ²
E _{tot}	= total detector efficiency for radionuclide emission of E _i x E _s ,

where:

E _i	= 2π instrument efficiency in counts per particle (c/p)
E _s	= source (or surface contamination) efficiency

Equation 4-10 may be used to calculate static MDCs when the background count time is not equal to the sample count time.

4.7 Radiological Laboratory Analysis

Soil samples will be analyzed for Cs-137 and Ra-226 by gamma spectroscopy analysis. Ten percent of the soil samples will also be analyzed for Sr-90 or total strontium by a gas flow proportional counter in accordance with the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover). If other ROCs are identified in the TSP, analyses will be performed for the additional ROCs.

Gamma spectroscopy data will be reported by the laboratory after a full 21-day ingrowth period. If the results following the full ingrowth are below the release criteria shown in **Table 4-2** for all ROCs, additional analyses are not required. If the results for any ROC exceed the release criterion, additional analyses may be requested.

If a NORM evaluation, as described in **Section 6.6.1**, is performed, additional analyses for isotopic uranium will be performed by alpha spectrometry. Additional analyses for the ROC may also be performed and may include Ra-226 by emanation, and isotopic thorium by alpha spectrometry.

All laboratory analyses will be performed by a Department of Defense (DoD) Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program- or National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program-accredited laboratory certified by the State of California to perform analyses.

All laboratory data packages will have independent data verification and data validation performed to demonstrate that the data meet the project objectives. Following independent data verification and validation, the sample data will be evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

Survey Implementation

This section discusses the types of surveys and their implementation in the field, with a focus on the methods for conducting each type of survey. The methods for implementing field surveying and sampling are provided in this Work Plan. The SAP (to be submitted under separate cover) provides guidance on soil sampling, laboratory analysis, and QA. **Table 3-1** lists each of the SOPs developed for performing this project work at HPNS. Copies of the SOPs are provided in **Appendix B**.

5.1 Premobilization Activities

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Prior to initiating the investigation activities, several pre-mobilization and mobilization steps will be performed to ensure that the work can be performed in a safe and efficient manner.

5.1.1.1 Permitting and Notification

Prior to initiation of field activities for the investigation survey, CH2M will notify the Navy Remedial Project Manager (RPM), Resident Officer in Charge of Construction (ROICC), and RASO and HPNS security as to the nature of the anticipated work. Any required permits to conduct the fieldwork will be obtained prior to mobilization.

CH2M (via Perma-Fix) will notify the California Department of Public Health at least 14 days prior to initiation of activities involving the Radioactive Material License. Additional notifications required by regulatory agencies for specific activities conducted under this Work Plan will be addressed in the corresponding sections and appendixes of this Work Plan, and in the APP/SSHP. The APP/SSHP will be provided under a separate cover.

5.1.1.2 Pre-Construction Meeting

A pre-construction meeting will be held prior to mobilization of equipment and personnel. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss project-specific topics, roles and responsibilities of project personnel, project schedule, health and safety concerns, and other topics that require discussions before field mobilization. Representatives of the following will attend the pre-construction meeting:

- Navy (RPM, RASO, ROICC, and others as applicable)
- CH2M (Project Manager, Site Construction Manager, Project Quality Control Manager, PRSO, and Site Safety and Health Officer [SSHO])
- Subcontractors as appropriate

5.1.2 Mobilization Activities

Mobilization activities will include site preparation, movement of equipment and materials to the site, and orientation and training of field personnel. Site-specific training will include radiological safety awareness. At least 2 weeks prior to mobilization, the appropriate Navy personnel, including the Navy RPM, ROICC and CSO, will be notified regarding the planned schedule for mobilization and site remediation activities. Upon receipt of the appropriate records and authorizations, field personnel, temporary facilities, and required construction materials will be mobilized to the site. The temporary facilities will include restrooms, hand-washing stations, and one or more secure storage (Conex) boxes for short- and long-term storage of materials, if needed.

The applicable AHAs will be reviewed prior to starting work.

5.1.2.1 Site Preparation

- One or more RCAs will be established as necessary around work areas and delineated with temporary fencing or caution tape, or equivalent, and have the appropriate warning signage posted. Ingress and egress control points will be established and maintained. Radiological screening of personnel, equipment, and materials will be required when exiting the RCA. The RCA will be posted consistent with the requirements of the RPP and SOP RP-101, *Access Control*. Routine surveys and inspections will be performed along the fence line, consisting of dose rate measurements and visual inspections. Surveys will be performed to ensure that there is no change in dose readings in accessible areas that could negatively affect the public or environment. Breaches in the fence will be repaired.
- Stormwater, sediment, and erosion control measures will be implemented to prevent soil and sediment from entering and leaving the site as detailed in **Section 10**.
- Dust control methods and air monitoring will be implemented during intrusive activities as detailed in **Section 10**.
- Underground Service Alert will be contacted at least 72 hours prior to initiating soil intrusive activities. Colored marking paint (and/or stakes or equivalent) will be used to mark identified utilities, if any, within the proposed work area. An exclusion area will be placed around active utilities to prevent accidental exposure to the utility, based on the utility hazard or importance. Utility lines encountered will be assumed active, unless specifically determined to be inactive through consultation with the subject utility company and with the CSO representative, ROICC, and RPM.
- Brush and weeds will be cut to the minimum practical height necessary to facilitate scanning and sampling activities using manually operated equipment.
- Debris or obstacles will be removed that could obstruct sampling and survey activities.
- The concrete or asphalt will be removed to the extent necessary to access the soil beneath for sampling and survey activities.
- Cut-and-fill drawings from the installation of the durable cover will be reviewed to determine whether fill material needs to be removed to expose surfaces of interest for sampling and survey activities.

5.2 Surface and Subsurface Soil Investigations

Soil areas will be divided into Group 1, Group 2a, and Group 2b areas as described in **Section 4.3.1**. Soil areas will be further divided into survey units as described in **Section 4.3.2**. Soil samples will be collected using SOPs provided in **Appendix B**.

5.2.1 Group 1 Soil Area Investigations

Group 1 soil areas will be divided into survey units and surveyed based on MARSSIM guidance for Class 1 final status surveys.

5.2.1.1 Group 1 Surface Soil Surveys

Surface soil at former building sites and in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings in Group 1 areas will be surveyed as Class 1 survey units. The area will be cleared to provide access as described in **Section 5.1**.

Gamma scan surveys will be performed over 100 percent of accessible surfaces. A minimum of 18 surface sample locations will be identified on a random-start systematic grid. Locations where the

gamma scan results exceed the investigation level and a potential for small areas of elevated activity have been identified will be investigated by collecting biased samples. If no gamma scan results exceed the investigation level, or if no locations are identified as potential small areas of elevated activity, at least one biased sample will be collected in each survey unit from the location with the highest gamma scan reading.

If global positioning system (GPS) reception is available, gamma scan measurement results and soil sample locations will be position-correlated with GPS data and recorded. If GPS reception is not available, for example in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings, a reference coordinate system will be established to document the location of gamma scan measurements and soil samples. The reference coordinate system will consist of a grid of intersecting lines referenced to a fixed site location or benchmark. If practical, the GPS coordinates of the fixed location or benchmark will be recorded.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results will be evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

If excavation of a Group 1 surface soil area is recommended, the resulting excavation will be surveyed as described in **Section 5.2.1.2**.

5.2.1.2 Group 1 Trench Unit Surveys

Trench units previously excavated to remove sanitary sewer and storm drain lines located in Group 1 soil areas will be surveyed as Class 1 survey units. Drawings and sketches of the previous excavation will be reviewed to identify the most likely location of the previous excavation, and establish a buffer extending approximately 5 feet beyond the former excavation surface boundary.

The area, including the 5-foot buffer, will be cleared to provide access as described in **Section 5.1**. In addition, a gamma scan survey will be performed over 100 percent of the accessible surface prior to initiating intrusive activities. Locations identified as potential small areas of elevated activity will be excavated in 1-foot lifts to identify and remove potential radiological commodities during trench unit excavation.

After clearing the site to provide access but prior to initiating excavation, a visual inspection of the area will be performed by an engineer and a geologist. The purpose of the visual inspection is to confirm the location of the former excavation by identifying previous excavation boundaries, if practical.

Once the boundaries of the former excavation have been established to the extent practical, the trench will be excavated. The excavation will extend to the boundaries of the initial excavation and will not include excavation of the 5-foot buffer area. Excavated soil will be investigated as described in **Section 5.2.1.3**.

Once the trench is completely excavated, a Class 1 final status survey of the exposed trench sidewalls and bottom will be performed. A gamma scan survey of 100 percent of accessible surfaces will be performed. The gamma scan survey will be performed using a man lift or similar setup where the detector will be lowered into the trench without requiring personnel to enter the trench. Gamma scan results will be position-correlated using GPS data, or a reference coordinate system will be established for the trench sidewalls and bottom.

A minimum of 18 soil sample locations will be identified on a random-start systematic grid covering the sidewalls and bottom of the trench. Locations where the gamma scan results exceed the investigation level and a potential for small areas of elevated activity have been identified will be investigated by collecting biased samples. If no gamma scan results exceed the investigation level, or if no locations are identified as potential small areas of elevated activity, at least one biased sample will be collected in each survey unit from the location with the highest gamma scan reading.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

5.2.1.3 Group 1 Fill Unit Surveys

Fill material excavated from trenches in Group 1 areas, including durable cover or pavement removed to provide access, will be transferred to a radiological screening pad for investigation. The soil will be laid out in a layer approximately 6 inches thick over an area of approximately 2,000 m² or less. A gamma scan survey will be performed over 100 percent of the surface, and the gamma scan results will be position-correlated with GPS data.

A minimum of 18 soil sample locations will be identified on a random-start systematic grid. Locations where the gamma scan results exceed the investigation level and a potential for small areas of elevated activity have been identified will be investigated by collecting biased samples. If no gamma scan results exceed the investigation level, or if no locations are identified as potential small areas of elevated activity, at least one biased sample will be collected in each survey unit from the location with the highest gamma scan reading.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

5.2.2 Group 2 Soil Area Investigations

Group 2 soil areas will be divided into Group 2a and Group 2b areas. Group 2a soil areas will be divided into survey units and surveyed based on MARSSIM guidance for Class 1 final status surveys. Group 2b soil areas will be divided into survey units and surveyed based on MARSSIM guidance for Class 3 final status surveys.

5.2.2.1 Group 2a Surface Soil Surveys

Surface soil in Group 2a areas will be surveyed as Class 1 survey units. The area will be cleared to provide access as described in **Section 5.1**.

Gamma scan surveys will be performed over 100 percent of accessible surfaces. A minimum of 18 surface sample locations will be identified on a random-start systematic grid. Locations where the gamma scan results exceed the investigation level and a potential for small areas of elevated activity have been identified will be investigated by collecting biased samples. If no gamma scan results exceed the investigation level, or if no locations are identified as potential small areas of elevated activity, at least one biased sample will be collected in each survey unit from the location with the highest gamma scan reading.

If GPS reception is available, gamma scan measurement results and soil sample locations will be position-correlated with GPS data and recorded. If GPS reception is not available, for example in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings, a reference coordinate system will be established to document gamma scan measurement results and soil sample locations. The reference coordinate system will consist of a grid of intersecting lines referenced to a fixed site location or benchmark. If practical, the GPS coordinates of the fixed location or benchmark will be recorded.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

If former trench and fill units are selected for Group 2a, then they will excavated, scanned, and sampled using similar procedures described in Sections 5.2.1.2 and 5.2.1.3.

5.2.2.2 Group 2b Surface Soil Surveys

Surface soil at former building sites and in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings in Group 2b areas will be surveyed as Class 3 survey units. Because these areas have a lower potential for radiological contamination, durable cover and pavement will not be removed from these areas. Because the durable cover or pavement effectively prevents most gamma radiation from escaping, gamma scan surveys of surfaces will not be performed.

A minimum of 18 surface sample locations will be randomly identified in each survey unit. A 1-meter by 1-meter area will be cleared at each sample location to provide access to the surface soil as described in **Section 5.1**. A gamma scan survey will be performed over 100 percent of the 1-m² area removed to provide access to each sample location. A surface soil sample will be collected from the location with the highest gamma scan reading at each soil sample location. If an anomalous gamma scan reading is identified, the surface soil sample will be collected at that location in the 1-m² area. Otherwise, the surface soil sample will be collected from the center of the 1-m² area.

If GPS reception is available soil sample locations will be position-correlated with GPS data and recorded. If GPS reception is not available, for example in crawlspaces underlying existing buildings, a reference coordinate system will be established to document gamma scan measurement results and soil sample locations. The reference coordinate system will consist of a grid of intersecting lines referenced to a fixed site location or benchmark. If practical, the GPS coordinates of the fixed location or benchmark will be recorded.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

5.2.2.3 Group 2b Trench Unit Surveys

Trench units previously excavated to remove sanitary sewer and storm drain lines located in Group 2b soil areas will be surveyed as Class 3 survey units. Drawings and sketches of the previous excavation will be reviewed to identify the most likely location of the previous excavation, and establish a buffer extending approximately 5 feet beyond the former excavation boundary.

Once the boundaries of the former excavation have been established to the extent practical, a minimum of 18 sample locations will be identified in each survey unit. Assuming the survey unit is a linear trench with two sidewalls and a bottom, six sample locations will be randomly selected for each of the two sidewalls, and six sample locations randomly selected along the bottom of the trench. Sample locations will be separated by at least 3 meters, or approximately 10 feet. Based on the boundaries of the original excavation and the depth where the pipe was located, soil samples will be placed in the 5-foot buffer surrounding the original excavation to the extent practical. Sidewall samples will be placed at the depth of the removed pipe or deeper. Trench bottom samples will be collected from soil at least 1 foot below the depth where the pipe was located. A geologist will log each core and confirm trench wall and bottom samples are from outside the original excavation, when practical.

Trench unit soil samples will be collected using direct-push technology when practical. Other sample collection techniques may be employed, including hand auger, split-spoon, and test pitting, depending on site conditions. Sanitary sewer and storm drain lines were sometimes installed on bedrock. In these situations, sampling of bedrock will not be performed. If refusal is encountered within 1 foot of the expected depth of the trench, the soil sample will be collected from the deepest section of the core. If refusal is encountered more than 1 foot above the expected depth of the trench, the sample location will be moved to avoid the subsurface obstruction.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

5.2.2.4 Group 2b Fill Unit Surveys

Boundaries of previously excavated trenches in Group 2b areas will be identified as described in **Section 5.2.2.3**. A minimum of 18 sample locations will be randomly selected within the previously excavated trench. At each location, a random depth will be selected between the surface and the bottom of the trench to collect a soil sample.

Fill unit soil samples will be collected using direct-push technology. Other sample collection techniques may be employed, including hand auger, split-spoon, and test pitting, depending on site conditions. All fill cores will be collected to the maximum depth associated with the previous trench excavation, even if the randomly selected sample depth is surface soil.

Sample cores will be scanned for gamma radiation along the entire length of each core. Gamma scan measurement results will be evaluated against the investigation level to identify core section with elevated gamma radiation. Core sections that exceed the investigation level will have biased soil samples collected to investigate the potential for small areas of elevated activity in fill. If no core section exceeds the investigation level, a biased sample will be collected from the core segment with the highest gamma scan reading that was not already sampled.

Sanitary sewer and storm drain lines were sometimes installed on bedrock. In these situations, sampling of bedrock will not be performed. If refusal is encountered within 1 foot of the expected depth of the trench, the soil sample will be collected from the deepest section of the core. If refusal is encountered more than 1 foot above the expected depth of the trench, the sample location will be moved to avoid the subsurface obstruction.

Soil samples will be analyzed as described in **Section 4.7**, and the results evaluated as described in **Section 6**.

5.3 Former Building Foundations and Pavement Investigations

This section provides methods for surveying concrete, asphalt, or soils beneath concrete or asphalt that are included in this survey program. In addition, this section provides methods for surveying incidental concrete or asphalt materials that lie over soils designated for radiological surveys. Trench units that were recently paved will be surveyed according to **Section 5.2**.

5.3.1 Foundation and Pavement Investigations

Structural features such as concrete, brick, or asphaltic concrete will be surveyed as building structures. Contaminated portions will be remediated prior to surveying the underlying soil. Underlying soil considered radiologically impacted will be surveyed as described in **Section 5.2**.

5.4 Building Investigations

5.4.1 Building Surface Investigations

Building survey units, regardless of classification, will be investigated using a combination of alpha-beta scanning, static (direct) measurements, and swipe samples to identify small elevated activity areas, average wide-area surface activity, and fixed and removable contamination. The number of data points, N , will be split between the survey unit and background reference area. Both systematic and biased (judgmental) measurements will be used and will be performed in the same manner and with the same instrumentation as the systematic static measurements. Biased measurements and samples will be taken in locations with the highest potential for elevated residual surface activity or where systematic

measurements exceeded established investigation levels. Surface activity found more than the applicable release criteria will be identified for additional investigation and possibly subject to remediation and resurvey. Results will be documented in building-specific final status survey reports.

Using a graded approach, Class 1 survey units will receive the highest level-of-effort investigation. The investigation level of effort for each survey unit class is presented in **Table 5-1**. To provide additional data to support release, Class 3 survey units will be limited to 10,000 m² of floor area (see **Section 4.4.2**) and the accessible floors and lower walls will be scanned in the areas with the highest potential for any residual surface activity to total 10 percent of the survey unit area.

Table 5-1. Building Investigation Level of Effort by Survey Unit Classification

Survey Unit Classification	Surface Scan Coverage	Surface Activity Measurements
Class 1	Systematic 100% of accessible areas	N systematic static measurements and swipes Biased static measurements at locations exceeding scanning investigation levels
Class 2	Systematic 10-100% of accessible floors and lower walls Biased 10-50% of accessible upper walls and ceilings with highest contamination potential	N systematic static measurements and swipes Biased static measurements at locations exceeding scanning investigation levels
Class 3	Biased 10% of accessible floors and lower walls with highest potential for residual surface activity	N systematic static measurements and swipes Biased static measurements at locations exceeding scanning investigation levels

5.4.2 Building Soil Investigations

Building soil investigations are assumed to be surface soil survey units for the purposes of this section. These may include soil areas on the ground floor of a building, in basements, or in crawlspaces. If the soils are not accessible, the interferences will be removed to the extent necessary to adequately perform the required surveys. These surveys will be performed according to the requirements of the surface soil surveys in **Section 5.2**.

5.5 Miscellaneous Radiological Surveys

Personnel, equipment, material, and area surveys will be performed in accordance with this Work Plan and appendixes. If survey results indicate levels of contamination exceeding release criteria, appropriate decontamination methods will be performed in accordance with **Section 5.6** and applicable SOPs.

5.5.1 Personnel Surveys

Personnel surveys are used to ensure that individuals leaving a radiological area are free of contamination. Hands and feet “frisks” or scans with dual alpha-beta scintillators will be required when individuals exit RCAs. If the scan or frisk count rate is indistinguishable from background, then no further action (NFA) will be required. Scanning will be performed in the alpha plus beta mode of the instrument because of the potential presence of Sr-90, a pure beta emitter, and the fact that there are beta emissions from progeny in the radium decay chain that can be used as a surrogate for potential radium contamination. Where contamination is found or suspected, the PRSO will be contacted and will provide

further technical direction for any personnel/clothing decontamination that may be needed. Personnel surveys will be conducted in accordance with SOP RP-104, *Radiological Surveys*.

5.5.2 Equipment Surveys

Before being put into service for the first time at the site, and upon exiting a radiological work area or RCA, equipment will be surveyed to ensure that the equipment release criteria are not exceeded, using the survey requirements specified in SOP RP-104, *Radiological Surveys* and SOP RP-105, *Unrestricted Release Requirements*.

- Incoming equipment whose survey results exceed the release criteria will not be allowed into the radiological work area and will be returned to the supplier for replacement or decontamination.
- Outgoing equipment whose survey results exceed the release criteria will be decontaminated and resurveyed before being released from radiological controls.

5.5.3 Smear Sample Measurements Surveys (Swipe)

Smear sampling will be performed to assess the presence of radioactive contamination that is readily removed from a surface. Smear samples will be taken to evaluate the presence of removable alpha and beta activity. The procedures for collecting smear samples are discussed in SOP RP-104, *Radiological Surveys*.

5.5.4 Exposure Rate Surveys (Dose Rates)

Exposure rate surveys are performed to measure ambient gamma radiation levels. These measurements are obtained in the following ways:

- By holding the detection probe at the surface and subtracting an equivalent measurement result taken at 1 meter from the source or item being surveyed
- By measuring background in an area, then inserting the object that is intended to be surveyed followed by obtaining the total exposure measurement

Exposure rate surveys will be performed prior to and periodically during intrusive activities, and if a scan, static, or smear survey of the material, tools, and equipment indicates levels that exceed the applicable limit. Instrumentation will be allowed to stabilize before taking the measurement. Available instruments and operating parameters are provided in **Table 4-5**.

5.6 Site Restoration and Demobilization

The open excavations will be backfilled when the results of the surveys and sampling confirm that the excavation area meets the release criteria, and concurrence from RASO is obtained. In some cases, to ensure site safety, the excavated areas may be backfilled immediately after scanning and sampling. Overburden and radiologically screened and approved soil will be used to backfill trenches after the final status surveys are completed and the results of the surveys confirm that ROC concentrations are below the release criteria. If additional backfill is required, a clean import source will be identified and used. If the trench excavations are water logged, crushed rock or gravel will be placed as bridging material. With Navy concurrence, radiologically cleared recycled fill materials (for example, crushed asphalt) may be used for backfill. The backfill will be compacted to 90 percent relative density by test method ASTM D1557 or compacted to 95 percent relative density by test method ASTM D698. Once the excavated areas have been backfilled, the durable cover will be repaired “in kind” to match pre-excavation action conditions.

5.6.1 Deconstruction of Radiological Screening Yard Pads

Following completion of radiological screening and with Navy approval, the RSY pads will be deconstructed. Prior to deconstruction, the RSY pads will be radiologically screened and released. The area will be down-posted for the deconstruction activities. The RSY pad material will be consolidated onsite for offsite disposal at an approved disposal facility. If the RSY pad buffer material cannot be reused onsite, it will be disposed of offsite at an approved disposal facility. Chemical sampling will be performed as required by the disposal facility. Following deconstruction, the area will be restored to pre-removal action conditions.

5.6.2 Decontamination and Release of Equipment and Tools

Equipment and personnel exiting a controlled work area will follow survey procedures presented in the RPP. Decontamination of materials and equipment will be necessary during fieldwork. Numerous decontamination methods are available for use. If practical, manual decontamination methods should be used. Abrasive methods may be necessary if areas of fixed contamination are identified. Chemical decontamination can also be accomplished by using detergents for nonporous surfaces with contamination present. Chemicals should be selected for decontamination that will minimize the creation of mixed waste. Decontamination activities will be conducted using SOP RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*.

5.6.2.1 Chemical Decontamination

The general requirements for chemical decontamination of sampling equipment are described in Worksheet #14 of the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover). Specific items of personal property may be decontaminated. PPE may be scanned and disposed of appropriately.

Specific decontamination and disposition activities will be performed, as identified in the SAP and each TSP, to prevent cross contamination of samples or to recover personal property that has become contaminated. Wastes that result from these decontamination activities will be handled as IDW. The survey plans may include packaging, sampling, and storing IDW in secure locations pending receipt and validation of analytical results.

Abrasive methods may be necessary if areas of fixed contamination are identified. Typically, such decontamination will involve manual decontamination methods using detergents, water, and mild abrasives. Strippable coatings also may be applied. Decontamination activities will be conducted using SOP RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*.

5.6.3 Waste Management

Waste materials that were generated or identified during the course of the project will be managed with proper storage, characterization, and disposal in accordance with **Section 8**.

5.6.4 Demobilization

Demobilization will consist of surveying, decontaminating, and removing equipment and materials, cleaning the project site, inspecting the site, and removing temporary facilities. Demobilization activities will also involve collection and disposal of contaminated materials, including decontamination water and disposable equipment for which decontamination is inappropriate.

Data Evaluation

The soil sampling protocols are described in greater detail in **Section 5** and the SOPs provided in **Appendix B**. The decision flowchart for soil areas is shown on **Figure 6-1**.

In general, the following actions will occur:

- Radiologically impacted soil areas will be divided into Group 1, Group 2a, or Group 2b based on the CSM (**Section 2**) and other site-specific information.
- Required soil samples will be collected as described in **Section 5.2**.
- Samples will be submitted to the laboratory and backup samples will be archived.
- Laboratory analyses will be performed as described in **Section 4.7**.
- The DCGL_w test will be performed on the sample results.
- Additional evaluations will be conducted, if necessary.
- Determination will be made as to whether the sampling results demonstrate compliance with the release criteria.

Once the laboratory data are available, verified, validated, and reviewed by a health physicist, comparisons to release criteria will be conducted. Survey units where all results exceed the 95 percent upper confidence level for the background reference area data set by a concentration less than the release criteria listed in **Table 4-2** achieve the project objectives. Group 1 survey units will be recommended for unrestricted release, and Group 2 survey units will be recommended for NFA.

If one or more soil sample results exceed the mean for the background reference area data set by more than the release criteria listed in **Table 4-2**, additional evaluations may be performed. Additional evaluations may include additional sample analyses, NORM evaluations (**Section 6.6.1**), statistical evaluations (**Section 6.6.2**), background evaluations (**Section 6.6.3**), and dose or risk assessments (**Section 6.6.4**). Group 1 soil areas not recommended for unrestricted release may be subjected to remediation and additional radiological surveys. Group 2 areas not recommended for NFA will result in a re-evaluation of the CSM. **Figure 6-2** shows the data evaluation process for Group 1 soil areas, and **Figure 6-3** shows the data evaluation process for Group 2 soil areas.

6.1 Data Quality Verification and Validation

Data verification and data validation will be performed as described in the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover), Worksheets #34, #35, #36, and #37.

6.2 Preliminary Data Review

A preliminary data review will be conducted to learn about the structure of the data by identifying patterns, relationships, or potential anomalies. The preliminary data review will include calculating statistical quantities, preparing posting plots of scan and sample data, preparing histograms of scan and sample data, preparing normal probability plots of scan and sample data, and preparing retrospective power curves.

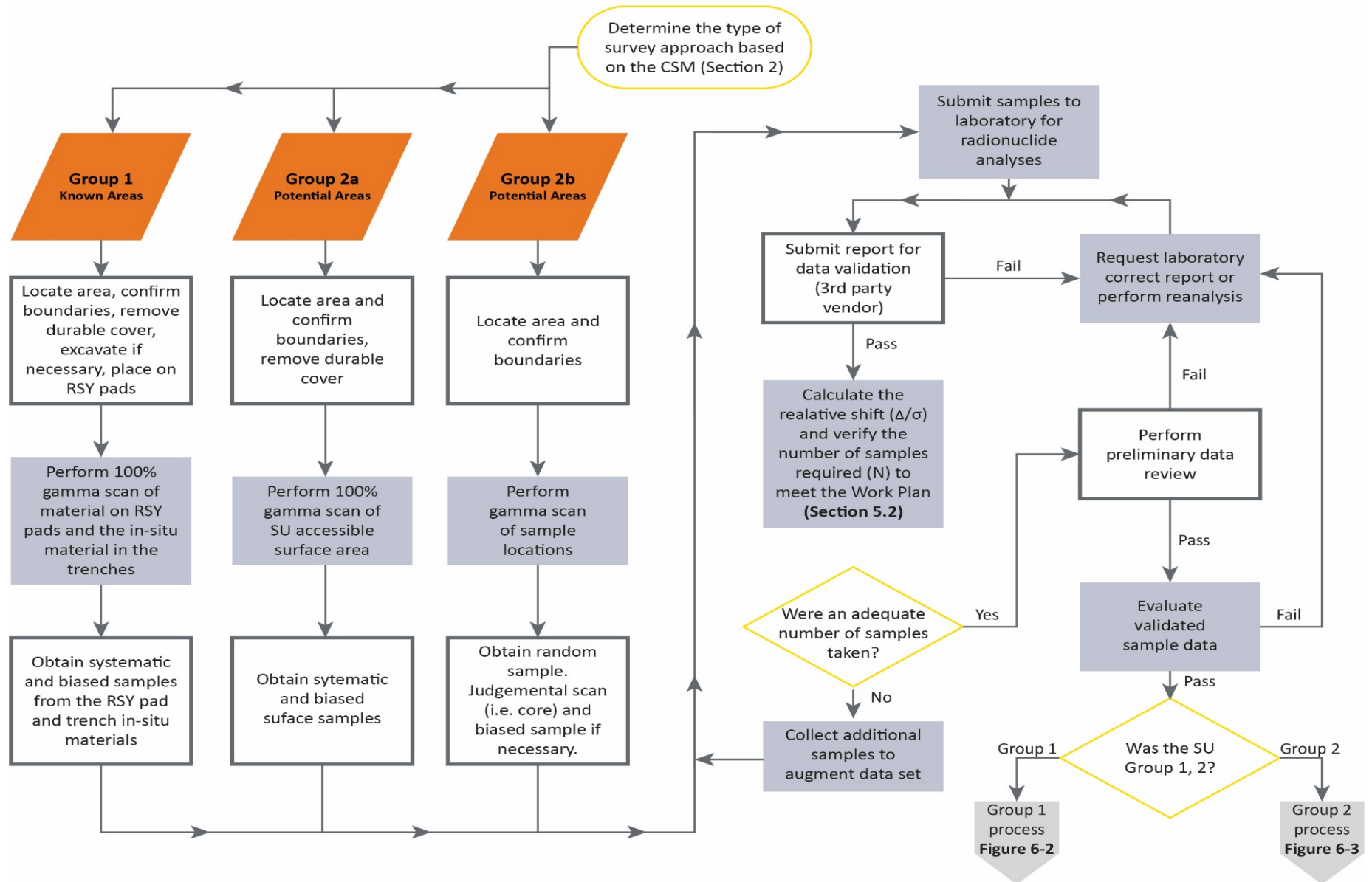


Figure 6-1. Decision Matrix for Soil Sampling

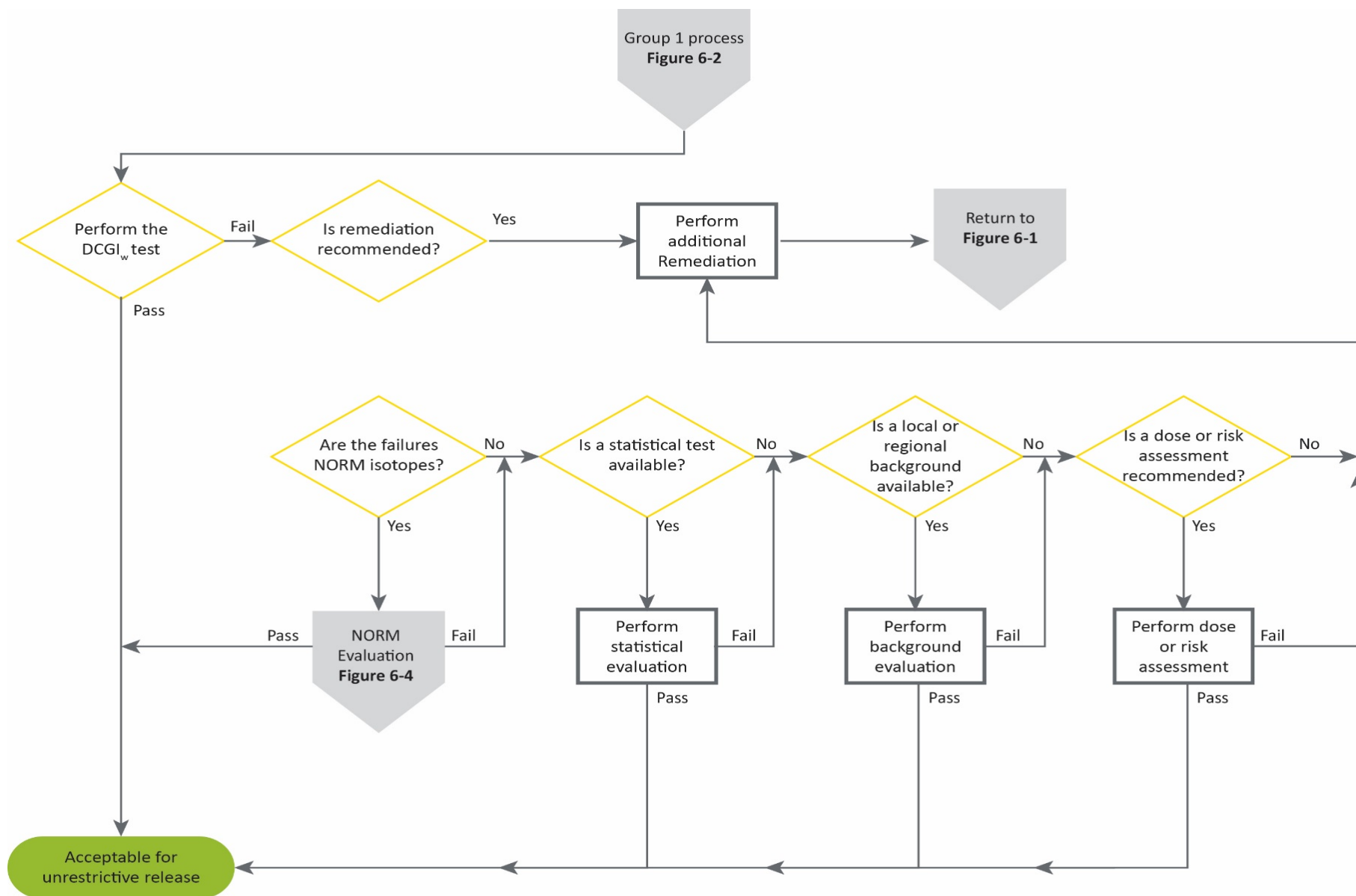


Figure 6-2. Group 1 Soil Data Evaluation Process

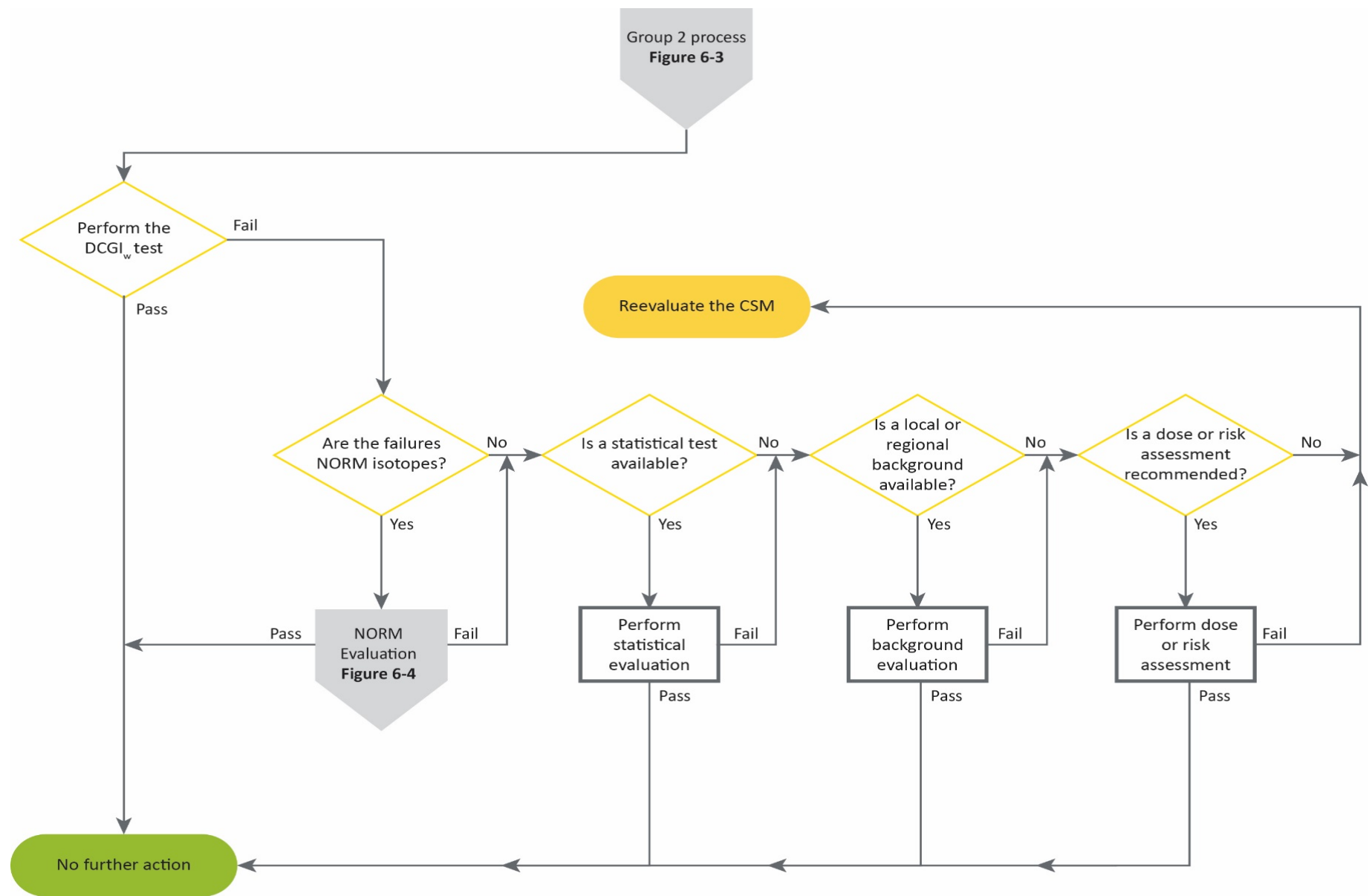


Figure 6-3. Group 2 Soil Data Evaluation Process

6.2.1 Calculate Statistical Quantities

Basic statistical quantities will be calculated for gamma scan and soil sample data sets for each survey unit. Basic statistical quantities will include the mean, median, standard deviation, range, and 95 percent upper confidence limit. Comparing the mean and median survey unit result to the background reference area mean and median provides a quick comparison between the survey unit and the background reference area. Comparing the standard deviation of the survey unit against the value of σ used to estimate the minimum number of measurements in a survey unit (see **Section 4.3.3**) provides a check of the assumptions used to develop the survey design. Comparing the range to the standard deviation provides an initial assessment of the shape of the distribution, identifying potential outliers or anomalous data distributions.

6.2.2 Prepare Posting Plots

Posting plots are maps on which measurement results are shown at the location where the measurement was performed. Posting plots are inspected to identify patterns or inconsistencies in the data, especially potential areas of elevated activity requiring additional investigation. Posting plots may be prepared using cpm results, or they may be prepared using normalized data allowing comparison of results from multiple detectors or different measurement methods.

6.2.3 Prepare Histograms

Histograms, or frequency plots, are used to examine the general shape of a data distribution. Histograms reveal obvious departures from symmetry, including skewness, bimodality, or significant outliers.

6.2.4 Prepare Normal Probability Plots

Normal probability plots, sometimes referred to as quantile-quantile or Q-Q plots, compare a data distribution to an assumed normal distribution. Background data approximate a normal distribution, so comparing survey unit data to a normal distribution is one technique for comparing data to background. Data from a normal distribution appear as a straight line on a normal probability plot, so deviations from a straight line indicate potential deviations from a normal distribution, or potential deviations from background. Normal probability plots from different data sets can be shown on the same graph to allow for direct comparisons between multiple data sets.

6.2.5 Prepare Retrospective Power Curves

A retrospective power curve provides an evaluation of the survey design, and is used to demonstrate enough data were collected to support decisions regarding the radiological status of the survey unit. The retrospective power curve is compared with the survey design assumptions (**Section 4.3.3**) to determine that a sufficient number of samples was collected.

6.3 Evaluation of Scan Data

Scan data will be evaluated to identify statistical and spatial anomalies indicating potential areas of elevated activity. All scan data will be compared directly to investigation levels. Locations where scan data exceed investigation levels will be identified as potential areas of elevated activity.

The investigation level for gamma scan results will be established at three standard deviations above the mean for the gamma scan data set being evaluated. Gamma scan results will be investigated using a posting plot to identify clusters of collocated gamma scan results to identify areas of locally elevated gamma radiation indicating the potential for small areas of elevated activity. Alpha and beta scan

measurements on building surfaces will be evaluated using investigation levels corresponding with the release criteria listed in **Table 4-2**.

Graphical representations of scan data results developed during the preliminary data review (**Section 6.2**) may also be used to identify potential areas of elevated activity.

Locations identified as potential areas of elevated activity will be subjected to additional investigation. The additional investigation may include data review, statistical analysis, comparison to background reference area data, comparison to local or regional background data, performance of biased field measurements, or collection and analysis of biased samples.

6.4 Evaluation of Sample Data and Static Measurements

The release criteria presented in **Table 4-2** represent acceptable concentrations of radionuclides above background. The release criteria listed in **Table 4-2** will be added to an estimate of background and compared with results of sample analyses and surface activity measurements. Estimates of background will be based on background reference area data sets (**Section 4.2**).

6.4.1 Sample Analytical Data

A background reference area data set will be developed and selected as representative of background for samples collected in a survey unit. The mean for the background reference area data set will be calculated for each ROC associated with the survey unit being investigated. The release criterion from **Table 4-2** for each ROC will be added to the mean for the background reference area data, and the sum of these numbers will be the investigation level for samples for that ROC in that survey unit.

Each sample result will be compared with the corresponding investigation level. If all results for all ROCs in a survey unit are less than the investigation level, the survey unit meets the survey objectives. A recommendation for unrestricted release will be made for Group 1 survey units, or a recommendation of NFA will be made for Group 2 survey units.

If at least one result for any ROC exceeds the investigation level, additional investigation is required. For Group 1 survey units, remediation may be recommended, followed by re-survey and evaluation of re-survey data. If remediation is not recommended for a Group 1 survey unit, or if it is a Group 2 survey unit, a background evaluation (**Section 6.6**) will be performed.

6.4.2 Surface Static Data

Alpha and beta surface static measurements will be compared to the investigation level to determine whether the survey unit meets the project objectives. The investigation level for static measurements is also based on the release criteria provided in **Table 4-2**. Since alpha and beta static measurements are not ROC-specific, the alpha-emitting ROC with the lowest release criterion will be used for static alpha measurements, and the beta-emitting ROC with the lowest release criterion will be used for beta measurements.

The appropriate release criterion will be added to the mean for the background reference area data set selected to represent that survey unit. If all alpha static results are less than the alpha investigation level, and all beta static results are less than the beta investigation level, the survey unit meets the survey objectives. A recommendation for unrestricted release will be made for Group 1 survey units, or a recommendation of NFA will be made for Group 2 survey units.

If at least one result for alpha or beta static measurements exceeds the corresponding investigation level, additional investigation is required. For Group 1 survey units, remediation may be recommended, followed by re-survey and evaluation of re-survey data. If remediation is not recommended for a

Group 1 survey unit, or if it is a Group 2 survey unit, a background evaluation (**Section 6.6**) will be performed.

6.5 Remediation of Group 1 Survey Units

Following the evaluation of scan data, sample analytical data, and surface static data from Group 1 survey units, the Navy may recommend remediation. Following remediation, additional surveys will be performed to confirm remediation was successful and provide data required to support a finding of unrestricted release. **Figure 6-1** and **Figure 6-2** illustrate the data evaluation process, including remediation, for Group 1 survey units.

6.6 Background Evaluation

The release criteria presented in **Table 4-2** represent acceptable concentrations of radionuclides above background. Background consists of a combination of NORM and ubiquitous fallout.

The CSM (**Section 2**) states that HPNS is constructed from fill containing NORM and ubiquitous fallout. Fallout from atmospheric nuclear weapons testing prior to 1963 was deposited on exposed surfaces throughout the world. Each batch of imported fill material potentially introduced a different background distribution for NORM, resulting in multiple background distributions for NORM at HPNS. Construction activities at HPNS have altered what was present as surface material exposed to fallout, resulting in re-distribution of fallout radionuclides throughout surface and subsurface soil.

The background reference area data sets described in **Section 4.2** are designed to represent the majority of soils and building surfaces at HPNS. However, there is not a single, consistent radiological background at HPNS that can be used for evaluating all survey results. This section describes additional background evaluation tools that may be applied as part of the data evaluation process.

6.6.1 NORM Evaluation

Because HPNS was constructed from multiple fill materials over several decades, concentrations of naturally occurring radionuclides representative of background could vary significantly. Should the initial laboratory gamma spectroscopy soil sample results exceed the mean of the background reference area data set by more than the $DCGL_w$, it will be necessary to determine whether the elevated radioactivity is attributable to NORM. The NORM evaluation process consists of determining a sample-specific background value for naturally occurring radionuclides based on U-238 concentrations. There is no historical evidence that U-238 was associated with Navy radiological activities at HPNS, so all U-238 activity at HPNS is naturally occurring and considered background. The following sections describe the processes to achieve these assessments. The NORM evaluation process is illustrated on **Figure 6-4**.

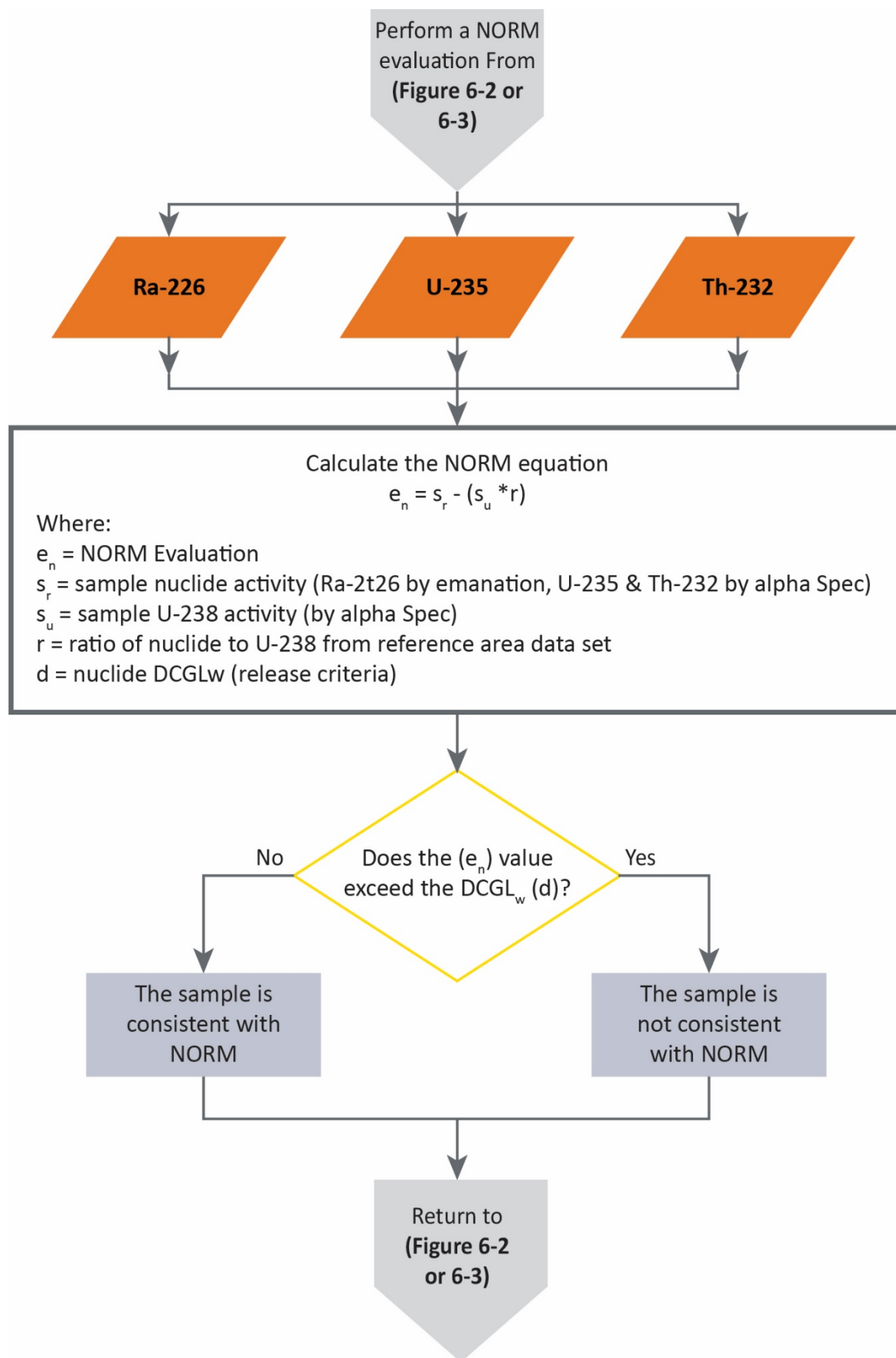


Figure 6-4. NORM Evaluation Process

6.6.1.1 Sample-specific Background Determination

Natural background at HPNS is expected to vary significantly based on the history of construction and fill activities over the life of the facility. Based on previous radiological investigations at HPNS, the variability in natural background could result in falsely determining that radionuclide concentrations represent contamination, when they in fact represent natural background, resulting in unnecessary remediation and additional surveys. To avoid false identification of contamination, soil samples with naturally occurring radionuclides at levels exceeding the release criteria (**Section 6**) will have a NORM determination performed based on a sample-specific background determination.

The release criteria presented in **Section 6** are incremental concentrations above background.

Section 4.2.1 discusses the identification of background reference areas for soil used to provide an estimate of background radionuclide concentrations for all ROCs. ROCs that are also naturally occurring include Ra-226, U-235, and Th-232. The reference area estimate of background concentrations is designed to be representative of the majority of soils at HPNS, but there is an expectation that some soils may be present where natural background could be outside the range of results represented by the background reference areas.

All laboratory soil sample results will be compared to the release criteria (**Section 6**) and the mean of the background reference area data set to identify results that are potentially elevated and could represent contamination. Soil sample results exceeding the mean for the background reference area data set by more than the release criteria for a naturally occurring ROC will have additional laboratory analyses performed to support a sample-specific background determination.

Alpha spectrometry will be used to determine the U-238 concentration in a specific sample. The U-238 concentration will provide the basis for the sample-specific background because all U-238 at HPNS is naturally occurring. The background reference area data will include expected ratios of naturally occurring ROCs to U-238. Application of the nuclide-specific ratio to U-238 to the alpha spectrometry result for U-238 will provide the nuclide- and sample-specific background concentration. A comparable laboratory analysis will be performed for the ROC. The ROC result will be compared to the nuclide- and sample-specific background to determine whether the ROC concentration exceeds background by more than the release criterion.

6.6.1.2 NORM Evaluations

A NORM evaluation will be required when a gamma spectroscopy result for a specific laboratory sample analyzed for Ra-226, U-235, or Th-232 exceeds the mean for the background reference area data set by more than the release criteria. These evaluations will use the same laboratory that performed the initial gamma spectroscopy measurements that failed the release criteria. The laboratory will be directed to perform alpha spectrometry for U-238, as well as alpha spectrometry for U-235 and Th-232, or emanation for Ra-226, analyses specific to the failed nuclide, as shown in **Table 6-1**.

Table 6-1. Laboratory Alpha Spectroscopy and Emanation

Nuclide	Analyses	Nuclides Required
Ra-226	Ra ^a , U	Ra-226 and U-238
U-235	U	U-235 and U-238
Th-232	Th, U	Th-232 and U-238

^aRa-226 analysis will be through a Lucas cell (emanation) analyses.

The analyses will be specific to the nuclide in question. A NORM evaluation test will be performed to determine whether the data represent NORM.

6.6.2 Statistical Evaluation

The statistical test presented in this Work Plan compares each analytical result for each ROC to the release criterion added to the mean for the background reference area data set. Alternate statistical tests are available from USEPA (USEPA, 2006) that may be applied for data evaluation of individual samples or small groups of samples. These statistical tests may be used to determine whether elevated results are attributable to contamination or variation in background concentrations.

6.6.3 Regional and Local Background Evaluation

Radiological background may vary significantly at HPNS, and there is the potential that background reference area data sets may not be representative of background in some areas or for specific materials encountered during surveys. This situation is often encountered during building surveys when a new type of material is encountered, or building materials were provided by a different supplier. However, the history of HPNS indicates this could be an issue for soils as well as buildings.

When the existing background reference area data set is not considered representative of background, it may be possible to identify a new background reference area to provide a local background that supports evaluation of local data. It may also be possible to identify a regional background based on scientific research at nearby sites, or radiological studies performed at neighboring sites.

6.6.4 Dose and Risk Analysis

This Work Plan describes methods for collecting radiological data and comparing ROC concentrations and surface activity levels to release criteria. The purpose of this project includes demonstrating that remedial action objectives have been met in accordance with the records of decision and in compliance with CERCLA site closure requirements. Achieving these objectives may require calculations of dose or risk to demonstrate that the property can be transferred.

Radioactive Materials Management and Control

The control of radioactive material will be performed in accordance with the provisions of this Work Plan and SOPs RP-105, *Unrestricted Release Requirements*; RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*; RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management Plan*; RP-101, *Access Control*; and RP-102, *Radiological Posting*.

Instructions on the management and control of radioactive material are provided in this Work Plan. The radioactive material license required is provided in **Appendix A**. Two types of radiological materials may require management under this Work Plan. Sealed sources may require radiological controls if the type or amount of radioactivity in the source exceeds thresholds under the Radioactive Material License. IDW may require management under radiological controls pending analysis of radiological content and prior to removal by a waste broker. The required actions for survey staff are stipulated in this Work Plan.

Waste Management, Transport, and Disposal

This section describes the type of waste expected to be generated and the management, transport, and disposal of the material.

8.1 Project Waste Descriptions

Waste generated during this survey and sampling project (IDW) will either be radiological or non-radiological in nature.

Radiological waste will be classified as LLRW or low-level mixed waste (LLMW). Radiological waste anticipated to be generated from materials including but not limited to:

- Soil/sediment
- Debris (asphalt, concrete, etc.)

Non-radiological wastes anticipated to be generated may include, but are not limited to:

- Soil/sediment
- Debris (asphalt, concrete, etc.)

Non-radiological soil and PPE intended for offsite disposal may be classified as:

- Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) hazardous
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous
- Non-RCRA (California) hazardous waste

Non-radiological soil that is not considered TSCA, RCRA, or non-RCRA hazardous wastes will be considered for re-use as clean onsite backfill material or sent for offsite disposal as municipal waste.

Management and disposition of IDW will depend on the waste classification of the materials. If the waste material is classified as radiological (LLRW or LLMW) the process of management and disposition is described as:

- CH2M will temporarily manage the waste in accordance with requirements of the California Radioactive Material License until the custody of the material is transferred to the United States Army Joint Munitions Command (AJMC) certified waste broker. LLRW disposal is performed under the Navy's LLRW Disposal Program managed by the United States Army as the DoD's Executive Agent for the disposal of LLRW. The AJMC broker is responsible for transportation and offsite disposal.

If the waste material is classified as non-LLRW or non-LLMW the process of management and disposition is described as:

- CH2M will manage waste classified as non-LLRW or non-LLMW. For soil generated in areas that were historically designated as previously impacted, such as trench units and fill units, and soil associated with current and former building sites, any leftover soil will be spread out on a pad (asphalt or concrete area that will be covered in heavy mil plastic and free of known elevated gamma anomalies) at a thickness of no more than 6 inches, dewatered if needed, gamma-scanned using instrumentation selected in this Work Plan, sampled and analyzed, stored onsite pending results, and then managed based on laboratory results. Any objects encountered that exceed screening levels will be photographed, segregated, stored, and disposed of accordingly. If the soil laboratory

results meet radiological release criteria and chemical results meet regulatory criteria, then this soil will be placed back into the original location. Otherwise, it will be designated as IDW and disposed of appropriately based on laboratory results. If the material meets radiological release criteria and chemical results meet regulatory criteria, then this soil may be used as clean backfill.

Until the waste has been properly characterized, waste will be temporarily stored in appropriate containers (55-gallon drum, bins with locking covers, super sack, or equivalent). When the container is full, it will be labeled and placed in a designated and posted radioactive material storage area. The container contents will be sampled for the HPNS ROCs and chemical contaminants, if warranted, given the specific locations sampled and the potential for hazardous chemicals. Chemical analyses, when required, will be performed using the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure, and the specific analytic suites will be specified in the SAP and TSP. PPE will likely be assumed to be radiologically contaminated and disposed of as LLRW, although survey and release may occur in accordance with Work Plan requirements.

Radiological soil and PPE designated as LLRW or LLMW will be properly stored onsite pending packaging and disposal by the AJMC LLRW broker. The AJMC LLRW broker will provide LLRW storage containers, conduct the necessary laboratory analysis, and coordinate transport and disposal.

8.2 Waste Management for Hazardous/Nonhazardous Sites

In accordance with the applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements, the substantive requirements of the state and federal hazardous waste generation, characterization, storage, treatment, and management regulations of Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 66261, 66262, and 66264, and 40 CFR Parts 261, 262, and 264, are applicable to the management of hazardous wastes generated during the investigation activities and associated project activities.

8.2.1 Waste Classification

Waste classification will be performed by CH2M. According to RCRA requirements of Title 22 CCR Section 66261.10, waste characteristics can be measured by an available standardized test method or be reasonably classified by generators of waste based on their knowledge of the waste, provided that the waste has already been reliably tested or if documentation exists of chemicals used.

A waste determined not to be a RCRA-hazardous waste may still be considered a state-regulated non-RCRA hazardous waste. The State is broader in scope in its RCRA program in determining hazardous waste. Title 22 CCR Section 66261.24(a)(2) lists the Total Threshold Limit Concentrations (TTLCs) and the Soluble Threshold Limit Concentrations (STLCs) for non-RCRA hazardous waste. A waste is considered hazardous if its total concentrations exceed the TTLCs, or if the extract concentrations from the Waste Extraction Test exceed the STLCs. A Waste Extraction Test is required when the total concentrations exceed the STLC by a factor of 10 but are less than the TTLCs. California also has additional hazardous waste classification criteria (including 96-hour fish bioassays) that may need to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Wastes determined to be hazardous wastes under California regulations and not under federal regulations are referred to as non-RCRA hazardous wastes.

8.2.2 Container Labeling (Non-DOT)

Indelible ink will be used to label containers of potentially hazardous waste with a detailed description, including accumulation start date, and the words "Analysis Pending – Potentially Hazardous" or equivalent. A container log will be used to track contents, accumulation start data, sample identification number, sample date, and disposal date. If containers are determined to contain nonhazardous waste,

they will be labeled accordingly. If containers are determined to contain hazardous waste, they will immediately be labeled with a completed “Hazardous Waste” label that will include the following:

- USEPA identification number of the generator
- Name and address of the generator
- USEPA waste code
- Department of Transportation (DOT) shipping name (prior to offsite shipment)
- Description of contents
- Date of generation

An inventory of waste containers will be maintained. In addition, weekly inspections of container storage areas will be conducted and logged while wastes remain in these areas to ensure the integrity of the containers and secondary containment, to check for leaks or spills, and to ensure that labels and markings are in good condition.

8.2.3 Waste Accumulation Areas

CH2M and subcontractors working on this project will coordinate with the Navy to determine an appropriate site location to store the small amount of hazardous waste expected to be generated by these investigations, if there is any. All waste delivered for storage will meet the labeling requirements of the storage facility in accordance with SOP RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management Plan*.

8.2.4 Waste Disposal

Disposal of LLRW and LLMW will be performed by the Navy’s AJMC LLRW broker. All other wastes will be disposed of by CH2M or a subcontractor to CH2M. Hazardous wastes will be transported offsite for appropriate recycling or disposal. Used PPE will generally be managed and disposed of as nonhazardous waste, unless work is required in areas of significant contamination. Other waste streams requiring offsite disposal will be sampled and analyzed, as necessary, to ensure that the waste is properly characterized and profiled, and meets the waste acceptance criteria and packaging requirements for the proposed treatment, storage, and disposal facility prior to transport.

Hazardous waste will be disposed of only at a hazardous waste disposal facility prequalified by CH2M and permitted for the disposal of the particular type of hazardous waste generated. Wastes disposed of offsite will be sent to RCRA Subtitle C or RCRA Subtitle D facilities that meet the requirements of 40 CFR Part 300.440 (CERCLA offsite policy).

8.2.5 Waste Transportation (Offsite)

Offsite transportation of LLRW and LLMW will be performed by the Navy’s AJMC LLRW broker. All other wastes will be transported by CH2M or a subcontractor of CH2M. Hazardous wastes will be shipped in accordance with the DOT Hazardous Material Transportation regulations of 49 CFR Parts 171–177, and 40 CFR Part 262 Subpart B, and 22 CCR Section 66262, which include packaging, placarding, labeling, and manifesting requirements. Additionally, hazardous wastes will be shipped with appropriate land disposal restriction (LDR) certification notices in accordance with 40 CFR Part 268, and 22 CCR Section 66268. Personnel having the required DOT training will perform all DOT functions. In addition, all transporter and disposal contractors will be subject to the subcontractor qualification process.

If material is hazardous, it will be shipped under the appropriate hazard class. All hazardous waste will be transported under DOT hazardous material regulations. Each shipment of a suspected hazardous material will be properly classed using the Hazardous Material Table in 49 CFR Part 172.101. DOT-trained personnel will make all determinations.

All waste leaving the site must go through the onsite radiological portal monitor and be coordinated with the base waste contractor.

8.2.6 Waste Minimization

To minimize the volume of all waste streams generated during the project, the following general guidelines will be followed:

- Waste material will not be contaminated unnecessarily.
- Work will be planned in advance.
- Material may be stored in large containers, but the smallest reasonable container will be used to transport the material to its destination.
- Cleaning and extra sampling supplies will be maintained outside any potentially contaminated area to keep them free of contamination and to minimize additional waste generation.
- Mixing of detergents or decontamination solutions will be performed outside potentially contaminated areas.
- Drop cloths or other absorbent material will be used to contain small spills or leaks.
- Contaminated material will not be placed with clean material.
- Wooden pallets inside the exclusion zone will be covered with plastic.
- Material and equipment will be decontaminated and reused when practicable.
- Volume reduction techniques will be used when practicable.
- Waste containers will be verified to ensure that they are solidly packed to minimize the number of containers.
- Only waste containers adequately sized to contain the volume of waste generated will be used.
- Less hazardous substances will be used whenever possible (only the volume of standard solutions needed for testing will be brought; minimal amounts of decontamination water and solvent rinses will be used).

8.2.7 Inspections

While waste accumulation areas used by CH2M will be informally inspected daily, formal inspections of container accumulation areas will be conducted and recorded at least weekly in accordance with 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart I, and 22 CCR Section 66264. The PRSO or designee will conduct inspections. Inspections will be recorded in a dedicated field logbook, and a weekly inspection checklist will be completed. The container storage areas will be inspected and containers checked to ensure the following:

- Containers will be checked for condition. If a container is not in good condition or appears to be leaking, the waste will be transferred to another container.
- Containers will be checked to be sure that they are made of material that will not react with, and is otherwise compatible with, the hazardous waste to be stored.
- The containers will be checked to ensure that they remain closed at all times, except when adding or removing waste.
- The container label will be checked to ensure that it is filled out properly and that the waste accumulation date is correct.

8.2.8 Documentation

Documentation requirements apply to all waste managed during project activities. Field records will be kept of all waste-generating activities. All pages of the field data record log will be signed and dated by the supervising field leader who is entering the data. In addition, the following information will be recorded in the log:

- Description of waste-generating activities
- Location of waste generation (including depth, if applicable)
- Type and volume of waste
- Date and time of generation
- Description of any waste sampling
- Name of person recording information
- Name of field manager at time of generation

8.2.9 Hazardous Waste Manifests and Land Disposal Restriction Certification

Offsite transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes will be handled by the CH2M-selected waste contractor. All hazardous waste transported from the site will be accompanied by a hazardous waste manifest. Navy personnel will be responsible for reviewing and signing all waste documentation, including waste profiles, manifests, and LDR notifications (manifest packages). Prior to signing the manifest, the designated Navy official will ensure that pre-transport requirements of packaging, labeling, marking, and placarding are met according to 40 CFR Parts 262.30–262.33, and 49 CFR Parts 100–178.

8.3 Waste Management for Radioactive Wastes

The following sections address specific control and management practices for LLRW and LLMW. Transportation and disposal of LLRW and LLMW will be handled by the AJMC certified LLRW waste broker. LLRW disposal is performed under the Navy's LLRW Disposal Program managed by the United States Army as DoD's Executive Agent for the disposal of LLRW. The waste broker will coordinate closely with CH2M (and Perma-Fix) and the RASO.

8.3.1 Waste Classification

CH2M is responsible for classification of waste materials. Materials determined to be LLRW or LLMW, as specified in 49 CFR, base-wide requirements, or disposal facility requirements, will be transported and disposed of by the AJMC LLRW broker. Materials determined to be non-LLRW or non-LLMW (i.e. all other wastes) will be transported and disposed of by CH2M. Waste characteristics, including the radionuclides present and their associated specific activities, will be measured by an available standardized test method as found in the SAP, such as gamma spectroscopy, strontium analysis, or alpha spectroscopy. Additionally, for LLMW, chemical waste characteristics can be measured by a standardized test method or be reasonably classified by generators of waste based on their knowledge of the waste, provided that the waste has already been reliably tested for acceptance at the waste disposal facility.

8.3.2 Waste Accumulation and Storage

Specific requirements apply to the accumulation and labeling of LLMW. This project may require the temporary accumulation of LLMW in containers. These wastes will be managed, accumulated, and inspected in accordance with the regulations and SOPs of the contractor's radioactive material license.

Soil, debris, and materials classified as LLRW or LLMW may be generated during sampling. When classified as LLRW or LLMW, these wastes may be placed in containers provided by Navy (55-gallon drums, super sacks, or equivalent). LLRW and LLMW will be packaged in accordance with the direction

of a the AJMC LLRW broker, and in accordance with federal regulations and disposal facility requirements. Containers for these wastes will be supplied by the AJMC LLRW broker and may include 55-gallon drums, super sacks, or equivalent. Containers will be properly lined, and an absorbent will be used if it is considered necessary. Containers will be radiologically surveyed when filled with material. Each container will be properly inventoried and labeled. Inventories will include material description and isotopic identification, and hazardous components, if appropriate. The contents of each container will be recorded in the field logbook, and each container will be assigned a unique identification number.

Containers will be stored in a designated and posted radioactive material storage area under the authority of the contractor's California Radioactive Material License. Storage areas may be at the site where the waste originated or another location as directed by the Navy. Containers will be secured to prevent unauthorized access to their contents. Once filled, containers will be surveyed, and surface radiation dose rate measurements will be collected.

8.3.3 Labeling and Posting of Containers Containing Radioactive Waste

Each waste container containing LLRW or LLMW will be labeled. The activity contained in each waste container will be reported in pCi/g, and maximum contact radiation levels will be measured in milliRoentgens per hour. Following the surveying and labeling, the waste container will be placed in a designated and posted radioactive area. The container area will be posted with a "Caution – Radioactive Material Area" posting. An inventory of contents with radionuclide and specific activity (if available) will be maintained by the contractor until the custody of the material is transferred to the AJMC LLRW broker.

8.3.4 Waste Accumulation Areas

CH2M and subcontractors working on this project will implement, at a minimum, the following requirements for radioactive waste stored onsite within a designated radioactive materials area:

- Industry standard posting and barrier materials will be displayed with wording that includes the following, "Caution, Radioactive Materials Area," at each radioactive waste storage area sufficient to be seen from any approach. The signs will be legible and clearly conspicuous for outdoor and indoor locations.
- Aisle space will be maintained to allow for the unobstructed movement of personnel, fire-control equipment, spill-control equipment, and decontamination equipment to any facility operation area, in the event of an emergency, unless aisle space is not needed for any of these purposes.
- The areas will be secured to prevent unauthorized access to the material.
- The following emergency equipment will be located or available to personnel during radioactive waste management activities at each accumulation area:
 - A device, such as a telephone or a handheld two-way radio, capable of summoning emergency assistance (adjacent areas with personnel who have communication devices or areas with fixed devices that personnel can access quickly are sufficient)
 - Portable fire extinguishers, fire-control equipment, spill-control equipment, and decontamination equipment

Filled containers generated during performance of work will be stored in a material storage location until the contained material can be characterized and appropriately classified. Depending on the characterization results, the material may be moved to another storage location, transported and disposed offsite, or re-used as backfill.

8.3.5 Waste Disposal

The Navy's AJMC LLRW broker is responsible for the transportation and disposal of LLRW and LLMW. The AJMC LLRW broker will coordinate closely with RASO and CH2M to ensure proper transfer of custody of the waste. LLRW and LLMW inventories will be managed under the appropriate radioactive material license.

The AJMC LLRW broker will be responsible for preparing the hazardous waste manifests for the LLMW and the radioactive waste manifests for the LLRW. LLRW manifests will be signed by the waste broker or the Navy, as appropriate. LLMW manifests are signed by the RSO. The waste broker will also be responsible for coordinating the shipment of LLMW and LLRW and coordinating with the waste disposal facilities.

8.3.6 Waste Transportation

The AJMC LLRW broker is responsible for transportation of the LLRW and LLMW sent offsite for disposal in accordance with the DOT Radioactive Material Transportation regulations of 49 CFR. The contractor may supply DOT contamination surveys and radiation measurements on the outside of the container prior to shipment. The AJMC LLRW broker will ensure that empty containers being returned to vendors meet the release limits for equipment and materials.

8.3.7 Waste Minimization

To minimize the volume of radioactive waste generated during the project, the following general guidelines will be followed:

- Waste material will not be contaminated unnecessarily.
- Work will be planned in advance.
- Material may be stored in large containers, but the smallest reasonable container will be used to transport the material to its destination.
- Cleaning and extra sampling supplies will be maintained outside any potentially contaminated area to keep them free of contamination and to minimize additional waste generation.
- Mixing of detergents or decontamination solutions will be performed outside potentially contaminated areas.
- When decontaminating radioactively contaminated material, every effort should be made to minimize the generation of mixed waste.
- Contaminated material will not be placed with clean material.
- Wooden pallets inside the exclusion zone will be covered with plastic.
- Material and equipment will be decontaminated and reused when practicable.
- Volume reduction techniques will be used when practicable.

8.3.8 Inspections

While all waste accumulation areas will be informally inspected daily during waste generation activities, formal inspections of all container accumulation areas will be conducted and recorded at least weekly in accordance with the appropriate radioactive material license (RML) requirements. The PRSO or designee will conduct inspections that will be recorded in a dedicated field logbook, and a weekly inspection checklist will be completed. The container storage areas will be inspected and the containers checked to ensure the following:

- The containers will be checked for condition. If a container is not in good condition, the certified waste broker will be informed.
- The containers will be checked to ensure that they remain closed and secured at all times, except when adding or removing waste.
- The container label will be checked to ensure that it is visible and filled out properly.

8.3.9 Documentation

Documentation requirements apply to all waste managed during project activities. Field records will be kept of all waste-generating activities. All pages of the field data record log will be signed and dated by the person entering the data. In addition, the following information will be recorded in the log:

- Description of waste-generating activities
- Location of waste generation (including depth, if applicable)
- Type and volume of waste
- Date and time of generation
- Description of any waste sampling
- Name of person recording information
- Name of field manager at time of generation

8.3.10 Radioactive Waste Manifests

Any LLRW or LLMW transported from the site will be accompanied by a radioactive waste manifest or a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest, as appropriate. The LLRW/LLMW manifests are the responsibility of the AJMC LLRW broker.

The RSO and RASO will each receive one copy of the manifest. The remaining copies will be given to the transporter. The manifest will be returned to the Navy signatory official in accordance with the base's recordkeeping requirements.

8.4 Updating the Waste Management Plan

The Waste Management Plan section will be updated as changes in site activities or conditions occur, as changes in applicable regulations occur, and as replacement pages are added to this Work Plan.

Revisions to waste management will be reviewed and approved by the Navy. All changes to the plan associated with radioactive or mixed waste will require approval from RASO.

Documentation and Records Management

The purpose of this section is to define standards for the maintenance and retention of radiological records. Radiological records provide historical data, document radiological conditions, and record personnel exposure.

Sample collection, field measurements, and laboratory data will be recorded both electronically and on paper, to the extent practicable. Electronically recorded data and information will be backed up to the HPNS CH2M SharePoint site on a nightly basis, or as reasonably practical. Data and information recorded on paper will be recorded using indelible ink. Both electronic and paper records of field-generated data will be reviewed by the PRSO or a designee knowledgeable in the measurement method for completeness, consistency, and accuracy. Data manually transposed to paper from electronic data collection devices will be compared to the original data sets to ensure consistency and to resolve noted discrepancies. Electronic copies of original electronic data sets will be preserved on a nonmagnetic retrievable data storage device. No data reduction, filtering, or modification will be performed on the original electronic versions of data sets.

Changes or corrections to project documentation will be made by crossing out the erroneous item with a single line, initialing (by the person performing the correction), and dating the correction. The original item, although erroneous, must remain legible beneath the crossed-out line. The new information will be written above the crossed-out item. Corrections must be written clearly and legibly with indelible black or blue ink.

9.1 Requirements

Records resulting from implementation of this Work Plan will meet the quality standards as outlined herein. All records must be retrievable and maintained for their prescribed retention time as defined in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan and **Section 9.9**. Working copies of records used for reference will be stored separately from the original. Completed records awaiting transfer to long-term storage will be stored in an appropriate manner to minimize loss and damage that could result from exposure to weather, fire, or other conditions.

Principal personnel who create, review, and approve radiological records must sign and date the record and follow quality standards specified in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan.

9.2 Documentation Quality Standards

Records will be legible and completed with an indelible ink that provides reproducible and legible copies. Records will be dated and contain a verifiable signature of the originator. Errors that may be identified will be corrected by marking a single line through the error and by initialing and dating the correction.

Radiological records will not be corrected using an opaque substance. Shorthand or nonstandardized terms may not be used.

To ensure traceability, each record will clearly indicate the following:

- Name of the project
- Specific location
- Function and process
- Date
- Document number (if applicable)

The quantities used in records will be clearly indicated in standard units (curie, rad, rem, dpm, Becquerel), including multiples and subdivisions of these units.

9.3 Documentation

The four types of documentation that will be maintained and assessed are field operation records, laboratory records, data handling records, and work support documents. Most of the data produced will be entered into the electronic data management system (used for radiological data and survey generation) to produce quality data for inclusion in reports, documents, and presentations.

9.4 Data Management System

Supportable and definitive data must be produced and managed to achieve the DQOs. Acquiring, evaluating, and managing data are the principal tasks involved in every aspect of the project support activities. The resulting data are easily uploaded to the Naval Installation Restoration Information Solution database.

9.5 Field Operation Records

The information contained in field operation records will document overall field operations and may consist of the following:

- Field measurement records – At a minimum, this documentation will identify the names of the persons conducting the activity, measurement identification, measurement locations, measurement results, maps and diagrams, equipment, and unusual observations. Data record forms, bound field notebooks, and electronic data loggers will be used to record raw data and make references to prescribed procedures and changes in planned activities.
- Sample tracking records.
- QC records – QC records will be prepared as indicated in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan.
- Personnel files – Personnel files record the names and training certificates of the staff collecting data.
- Deficiency and problem identification reports – These reports will be prepared as indicated in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan.
- Corrective action reports – Corrective action reports will be prepared as identified in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan.

9.6 Laboratory Records

Survey and laboratory data assessment records will be prepared as indicated in the Project Contractor QA/QC Plan.

9.7 Data Assessment

Assessment of survey data consists of four separate and identifiable phases: data reduction, data verification, data validation, and data quality assessment (DQA). Verification and validation pertain to evaluation of survey and analytical data and are considered as two separate processes. DQA considers all sampling, analytical, and data handling details, external QA assessments, and other historical project data to determine the usability of data for decision making.

Data reduction involves data transformation processes such as converting raw data into reportable quantities and units, using significant figures, and calculating measurement uncertainties.

Data verification compares the survey data against the requirements of this Work Plan and the SOPs. For example, the survey locations, scan speed, number and location of systematic static survey measurements, and the number and location of swipe samples. A verification report may be prepared depending on the size and complexity of the survey. The verification report identifies those requirements that were not met (called exceptions). Verification may be accomplished using a plan or checklist, which doesn't necessarily need to be project-specific. Data verification also involves reviewing reports of data entered into the electronic data management systems by the appropriate supervisory personnel knowledgeable of and with access to the original data to verify data transcription accuracy in accordance with SOPs.

Validation is a systematic check on a set of survey data being used to meet the project requirements and is performed to address the reliability of the survey data. The validation process begins with a review of the survey data package to identify its areas of strength and weakness. The validation process should determine the impact of not meeting the requirements of the SOPs. Validation then evaluates the data to determine the absence of a required survey measurement and the uncertainty of the survey process.

During validation, the technical reliability and the degree of confidence in the reported survey data are considered. The validator will note survey data that do not meet the performance criteria established in the SOPs. The products of the validation process are validated data and a statement on which data are acceptable and which data are sufficiently inconsistent that it should not be used in the decisions for which the survey data was collected. The appropriate survey data acceptance criteria will be established during the project planning phase and documented in the SOPs. Documenting that such a check cannot be done is an appropriate and essential validation activity (for example, applying numerical tests to data already determined to be unreliable is of no value).

DQA is the last phase of the data collection process and consists of a scientific and statistical evaluation of project-wide knowledge to assess the usability of survey data sets. To assess and document overall data quality and usability, the data quality assessor integrates the data validation report, field information, assessment reports, and historical project data, and compares the findings to the DQOs. The DQA process uses the combined findings of these multi-disciplinary assessments to determine data usability for the intended decisions, and to generate a survey report documenting that usability and the causes of any deficiencies.

The validation and DQA process varies depending on the survey objectives, and the level and depth of the verification. The level and depth of the process are determined during the planning stage, and should include the following:

- Appropriate selection of the survey instruments and survey method for the ROCs
- Evaluation of data completeness
- Verification of instrument/detector calibration
- Daily response checks of the instrument/detector
- Assessment of survey method specifications, such as scan speed, distance from the detector to surveyed surface, survey path, time that counts are collected, and length of time for static measurements
- Adherence to operator response requirements; for example, static counts acquired at locations with count rates exceeding the investigation level
- Appropriateness of assumptions used in calculating MDC and probability of detection

- Appropriate background count rate settings used when calculating net counts
- Checks on instrument system settings, such as voltages, gas flow rates, window thickness, cable connection
- Swipes collected as required by each TSP
- Figures and forms accurately documented survey/swipe locations in accordance with project requirements
- Labeling of swipes
- Analysis of swipes compliant with SOPs and TSPs

The level of data verification, validation, and DQA performed on radiological samples is defined in the SOPs, SAP, and this Work Plan. Copies of surveys and sampling and analytical data (and their supporting data) will be protected and maintained in project record files as indicated in this Work Plan. **Table 3-1** lists each of the current CH2M SOPs developed for use at HPNS. Copies of these SOPs, as well as TSPs, are appendixes to this report, and copies available in the CH2M offices at HPNS can be provided to the Navy or regulatory agencies upon request.

9.8 Record Retention

Records resulting from implementation of this Work Plan will be retained as outlined in the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover).

Environmental Protection Plan

This section briefly describes the environmental protection plan that will be implemented.

10.1 Land Resources and Vegetation

Land resources and vegetation are identified in Worksheet #10 of the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover). Substantive provisions of the applicable permit programs will be applied to protect wetlands and streams, if appropriate. CERCLA actions do not require permits.

10.2 Fish and Wildlife/Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species

Several hundred types of plants and animals are believed to live at or near HPNS. No federally listed endangered or threatened species are known to permanently reside at HPNS or in the vicinity (Levine-Fricke and PRC, 1997); however, San Francisco Bay is a seasonal home to migrating fish and birds.

10.3 Wetlands and Streams

Two freshwater streams, Yosemite and Islais Creeks, flow into San Francisco Bay adjacent to the border with HPNS. Surface water resources at the site are limited to small groundwater seeps from exposed bedrock and the surface water in adjacent San Francisco Bay. The applicable permit will be applied to protect wetlands and streams as required.

10.4 Stormwater, Sediment, and Erosion Control

Stormwater, sediment, and erosion control will be managed through the existing Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and the use of best management practices (BMPs).

10.4.1 Stormwater Pollution Prevention

Stormwater pollution prevention, otherwise known as stormwater management, includes measures that can reduce potential stormwater pollution from industrial activity pollutant sources. Stormwater management includes the following BMPs: a pollution prevention team, risk identification and assessment, preventive maintenance, good housekeeping, site security, spill prevention and response, stormwater pollution prevention, sediment and erosion prevention, inspection and monitoring, and personnel training. These BMPs help to identify and eliminate conditions and practices that could cause stormwater pollution. The SWPPP details the entire program to include the regulatory requirements and methods used to meet these requirements.

Inspections play a large role in the prevention of releases and pollution of stormwater. Qualified contractors and personnel perform inspections as described in the SWPPP. These inspections are documented and retained pursuant to the requirements of **Section 9**.

10.4.2 Stockpile Control

Stockpiles, although not expected, will be managed to ensure that any possible cross contamination with surrounding surfaces will be minimized to the extent possible. These measures will include, at a minimum, the following:

- All excavated material will be placed on plastic to prevent contact with the surface.
- All stockpiles will be covered with plastic or tarps at the end of shift or when stockpile additions or removals are complete and monitored on a weekly basis.
- BMPs (bio wattles, straw wattles, erosion berms, etc.) will be used around stockpiles to prevent material migration.
- Stockpiling of known hazardous material will not be allowed. Hazardous material will be packaged as hazardous waste and stored under RCRA controls pending removal by a waste broker.

Additional requirements will be detailed in the appropriate TSPs.

10.4.3 Nonradiological Hazardous Materials

Hazardous material will be managed in accordance with permits, plans, rules and laws. At a minimum, the following will be required:

- Hazardous material will be properly labeled and stored.
- Hazardous waste will be placed into approved containers and stored in designated Satellite Accumulation Areas or Waste Accumulation Areas.
- Hazardous material or waste containers will be kept closed when not in use.
- Prior to workers opening any container or package with hazardous material, Environmental, Health, and Safety should be consulted to determine whether pre-entry monitoring is required.

10.5 Air Quality and Dust Control

Fugitive emissions will be minimized to the extent possible. Subsurface soil within the HPNS is expected to be moist and not require dust suppression. These measures will include, at a minimum, the following:

- Visible dust caused by intrusive methods will require work to be paused and the source of the dust corrected by dust suppression.
- Continuous radiological air samples (general area) will be collected during any intrusive work within areas of known or potential radiological contamination or material.
- Areas with known or suspected radiological material that could become airborne from light winds (fine or powdered material) will be evaluated for a suitable stabilization method (dust control agent, fixatives, surfactants, or covering with erosion control covers).
- Area monitoring with direct reading dust monitors and photoionization detector (PID)
- Stationary high-volume area sampling

Additionally, a site-specific dust management plan will be developed. Any air permits (e.g. local air quality board) that are required for the performance of work under this contract will be detailed in the project environmental plan.

10.5.1 Radiological Air Sampling

Airborne activity monitoring (continuous or grab samples) and engineering controls may be required during work when deemed appropriate by the License, PRSO, CH2M, or the Navy. To control occupational exposures, establish PPE, and determine respiratory protection requirements, monitoring and trending for airborne radioactive material will be performed as necessary. Engineered controls will be implemented if required to maintain airborne concentrations below the applicable derived air concentration (DAC) value for the ROCs (**Table 10-1**).

During work, if the airborne concentration exceeds the appropriate DAC, ongoing activities will cease and the affected location will be posted until the source of the airborne concentration is eliminated and levels are confirmed to be below the appropriate DAC. Air monitoring will be performed using the methods described in SOP RP-107, *Measurement of Airborne Radioactivity*. It is not anticipated that airborne contamination would occur.

Table 10-1. Derived Air Concentrations

Radionuclide	Radiation	DAC ($\mu\text{Ci/mL}$)
Ra-226	Alpha (α)	3.0×10^{-10}
Pu-239 ^a		3.0×10^{-12}
Th-232 ^c		5.0×10^{-13}
U-235		6.0×10^{-10}
Sr-90 ^b	Beta (β^-)	8.0×10^{-9}
Cs-137	Beta/gamma (β^- , γ)	6.0×10^{-8}

^a The most restrictive DAC for alpha-emitting nuclides is Pu-239.

^b The most restrictive DAC for beta-emitting nuclides is Sr-90.

^c Th-232 is not a recognized ROC.

Note:

$\mu\text{Ci/mL}$ = microcurie(s) per milliliter

10.5.2 Nonradiological Area and Personal Air Monitoring

Air monitoring for non-radiological contaminants is expected during fieldwork at HPNS. In keeping with the philosophy of “Zero Dust,” engineering controls will be our primary method to eliminate dust. To verify the effectiveness of the controls, the use of area direct reading dust monitors (e.g. DataRAM) may be used. Area dust monitors may be deployed at select locations around the boundary of the site (environmental locations).

In addition, stationary high-volume sampling will include upwind and downwind monitoring for the ROCs, total suspended particulates (TSP), arsenic, lead, manganese, particulate matter larger than 10 microns in size (PM₁₀), and asbestos.

Monitoring data will be compared with the threshold concentration levels developed for the project site. If an analyte concentration exceeds its threshold level, the upwind and downwind results will be compared to identify whether the exceedance was caused by onsite activities. If onsite activities are found to be the cause of an exceedance, the Site Safety and Health Officer will immediately implement corrective actions to enhance the dust control measures being implemented. These measures include, but are not limited to, applying additional water and soil stabilizers, reducing driving speeds on unpaved roads, and modifying the equipment and approach used to perform the work activities.

Breathing zone action levels will be established for non-radiological contaminants (e.g. heavy metals, PCBs, etc), based on prior soil sampling at the site and task (e.g. drilling, excavation). Direct reading monitoring equipment (e.g. DataRAM, PID) will be utilized to verify action levels are not exceeded during work tasks.

Each project task plan will evaluate if non-radiological personal integrated air sampling is required, in addition to direct reading monitoring. The SSHP will be updated via a Field Change Request if additional monitoring is needed based on task-specific COCs. The APP and SSHP further discuss personal air monitoring requirements of the project.

10.6 Noise Prevention

Using standard OSHA occupational noise evaluation methods, the time weighted average for any 8-hour period will not exceed 90 decibels (dBA) to any worker. In addition, CH2M will endeavor to limit noise directly resulting from project work at or below 80 dBA at the task area boundary, or 70 dBA at the HPNS boundary. Any noise permits that are required for the performance of work under this contract will be detailed in the appropriate TSPs.

10.7 Construction Area Delineation

Construction area delineation will be evaluated upon arrival of the advance project personnel. Following this evaluation, minor modifications will be made to the project plans and procedures to reflect the current conditions.

10.8 Traffic Control Plan

Not Applicable.

10.9 General Operations

General operations will be governed under this Work Plan to ensure any operation conforms to the requirements listed within. These requirements are specific to the type of hazard (radiological, hazardous material, health and safety, etc.) and further require that each task have a corresponding AHA. All work will be released by the cognizant CH2M manager prior to work being performed. Review of the general operations AHA will include all environmental programs and permits to ensure compliance.

10.10 Spill Prevention, Response, and Reporting

The project spill plan is provided in Section 20 of the APP/SSHP (to be submitted under separate cover).

Quality Assurance/Quality Control

QA/QC will be performed throughout the survey. Soil sampling and laboratory QA/QC requirements can be found in the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover). A senior QA/QC manager with knowledge of radiological QA/QC will be present in the field for the duration of soil sampling activities. The QA/QC manager's sole responsibility will be to ensure that the QC measures in the project plans are performed.

Field QC samples will be collected at specified frequencies and submitted for laboratory analysis. Planned project assessments will be performed to ensure activities are conducted in accordance with the SAP. Verifying that workers are trained on applicable SOPs, Work Plan and TSP requirements will be conducted. Frequency of assessments will vary based on type, and assessment findings will be documented carefully to include any deficiencies identified along with their corresponding corrective actions. Corrective action response also will be documented to include the nature of the response as well as the timeframe for completion. QA management reports will be prepared at specified frequencies and submitted to the appropriate recipients as indicated on SAP Worksheet #3.

QA/QC of documentation and records will be carried out as described in the SAP and this Work Plan. Data assessments will be performed in accordance with **Section 9.7**. Records will meet the quality standards as outlined and defined in the Project Contractor Quality Control Plan and **Section 9**.

To maintain continued compliance and evaluate overall Work Plan effectiveness, QC measures, including self-assessment and management reviews, will be used. Radiological deficiencies will be addressed in a timely manner. Additional information on QC measures, including formal audits, is provided in the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover).

Reporting

Multiple reports will be generated during the survey investigation. **Section 9** discusses documentation and records generated during this project. Corrective action reports, data validation reports, QA management reports, and assessment reports are discussed in the SAP (to be submitted under separate cover).

Upon the completion of data review, final status survey reports will be completed for buildings and for sites with known historical contamination to document the completion of the re-performance of characterization surveys, remediation (if necessary), and final status surveys. Parcel specific site inspection reports will be generated for sites with lower potential for radiological contamination. Site inspection reports will provide conclusions and recommendations based on the site investigation surveys.

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Appendix A
Perma-Fix California Radioactive
Material License

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL LICENSE

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Title 17, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4, Group 2, Licensing of Radioactive Material, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a license is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, use, possess, transfer, or dispose of radioactive material listed below; and to use such radioactive material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below. This license is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the California Department of Public Health now or hereafter in effect and to any standard or specific condition specified in this license.

1. Licensee: Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc 2. Address: 1 Cyclotron Road Building 4 Berkeley, CA 94720 Attention: Eric Miller, CHP Radiation Safety Officer	3. License Number: 8188-01 Amendment Number :
	4. Expiration date: June 6, 2027 (3)
	5. Inspection agency: Radiologic Health Branch North

6. Nuclide	7. Form	8. Possession limit
A. Any byproduct material with atomic numbers 1 through 83	A. Any	A. Total not to exceed 18.5 gigabecquerels (500 millicuries).
B. Any byproduct material with atomic numbers 84 through 103	B. Any	B. Total not to exceed 37 megabecquerels (1 millicurie)
C. Radium-226	C. Any	C. Total not to exceed 18.5 gigabecquerels (500 millicuries).
D. Any Source Material	D. Any	D. Not to exceed 200 kilograms (441 pounds).
E. Any Special Nuclear Material	E. Any	E. Total not to exceed 2 grams, Plutonium-238 not to exceed 0.9 grams.

9. Authorized Use

- A. - E. To be used for site characterization, decontamination, decommissioning, final status survey, packaging waste for transport, preparation and analysis of samples from various media as a customer service, and incidental to use for operational testing of radiation detection instruments.

LICENSE CONDITIONS

10. Radioactive material shall be used only at the following locations:

- (a) Temporary job sites of the licensee in areas not under exclusive (see Condition 21) federal jurisdiction throughout the State of California.

11. This license is subject to an annual fee for sources of radioactive material authorized to be possessed at any one time as specified in Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this license. The annual fee for this license is required by and computed in accordance with Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Sections 30230-30232 and is also subject to an annual cost-of-living adjustment pursuant to Section 100425 of the California Health and Safety Code.

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12. Radioactive material shall be used by, or under the supervision of, the following individuals:

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| (a) Jason Hubler | (h) Brian Miller |
| (b) Andrew J. Lombardo, CHP | (i) Steve Green, CHP |
| (c) Samuel Eric Miller, CHP | (j) Darin McEleney |
| (d) Scott Walnicki | (k) Andrew Williams |
| (e) Jeffery L. Knight | |
| (f) Kevin Smallwood | |
| (g) Eric J. Laning | |

13. Except as specifically provided otherwise by this license, the licensee shall possess and use radioactive material described in Items 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this license in accordance with the statements, representations, and procedures contained in the documents listed below. The Department's regulations shall govern unless the statements, representations, and procedures in the licensee's application and correspondence are more restrictive than the regulations.

- (a) The application dated December 16, 2016, with attachments, signed by Samuel Eric Miller, Radiation Safety Officer and attached Delegation of Authority form, dated December 16, 2016, signed by Andrew J. Lombardo, Senior Vice President and as revised by the letters dated March 14, 2017, and April 7, 2017, both with attachments, and both signed by Samuel Eric Miller, Radiation Safety Officer.

14. (a) The Radiation Safety Officer in this program shall be Samuel Eric Miller, CHP.

15. Except for calibration sources, reference standards, and radioactively contaminated equipment owned by the licensee, possession of licensed material at each temporary job site shall be limited to material originating from each site. This material must either be transferred to an authorized recipient or remain at the site after licensee activities are completed.

16. (a) At least 14 days before initiating activities at a temporary job site, including military or former military sites where the temporary job site is not under exclusive federal jurisdiction, the licensee shall notify, in writing, the California Department of Public Health, Radiologic Health Branch. The notification shall include the following information:
- i. Site-specific radiological procedures if they have not been previously approved by the Department of Public Health.
 - ii. Estimated type, quantity, and physical/chemical forms of radioactive material.
 - iii. Specification of the site location.
 - iv. Description of project activities that are planned for the site, including management and disposition of radioactive material.
 - v. Estimated project start date and duration of project.
 - vi. Name, address, title, and phone number of a point of contact for the person managing radiological operations at the temporary job site.
- (b) Within 30 days of completing activities at each job site, the licensee shall notify, in writing, the California Department of Public Health, Radiologic Health Branch, regarding the radiological status of the temporary job site and the disposition of any licensed radioactive material.

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17. This license does not authorize the use of licensed material at temporary job sites for uses already specifically authorized by a customer's license. If a customer also holds a license issued by the NRC or an Agreement State, the licensee shall establish a written agreement between the licensee and the customer specifying which licensee activities shall be performed under the customer's license and supervision, and which licensee activities shall be performed under the licensee's supervision pursuant to this license. The agreement shall include a commitment by the licensee and the customer to ensure safety, and any commitments by the licensee to help the customer clean up the temporary job site if there is an accident. A copy of this agreement shall be included in the notification required by License Condition 16.
18. The licensee shall maintain records of information important to decommissioning each temporary job site at the applicable job site pursuant to Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 30256. The records shall be made available to the Department for inspection and to the customer upon request during decommissioning activities, and shall be transferred to the customer for retention at the completion of activities at a temporary job site.
19. The licensee shall comply with all requirements of Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 30373 when transporting or delivering radioactive materials to a carrier for shipment. These requirements include; packaging, marking, labeling, loading, storage, placarding, monitoring, and accident reporting. Shipping papers shall be maintained for inspection pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, Sections 172.200 through 172.204).
20. The total mass of special nuclear material possessed under this license at any one time or at any one authorized location of use shall not exceed that stated in the following formula: The number of grams of Uranium 235 divided by 350, plus the number of grams of Uranium 233 divided by 200, plus the number of grams of Plutonium (all isotopes) divided by 200, shall not exceed one (i.e. unity).
21. Before radioactive materials may be used at a temporary job site at any federal facility, the jurisdictional status of the job site must be determined. If the jurisdictional status is unknown, the federal agency should be contacted to determine if the job site is under exclusive federal jurisdiction. A response shall be obtained in writing or a record made of the name and title of the person at the federal agency who provided the determination and the date that it was provided. Authorization for use of radioactive materials at the job sites under exclusive federal jurisdiction shall be obtained either by:
 - (a) Filing an NRC Form-241 in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 10, Part 150.20 (b), "Recognition of Agreement State Licenses", or
 - (b) By applying for a specific NRC license.Before radioactive material can be used at a temporary job site in another State, authorization shall be obtained from the State if it is an Agreement State, or from the NRC for any non-Agreement State, either by filing for reciprocity or applying for a specific license.
22. In accordance with the California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 30195.1, the licensee shall maintain an acceptable financial instrument in the amount of \$52,000.00 that satisfies the requirements outlined in the decommissioning funding plan dated December 16, 2016.

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23. The licensee will provide the Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) reports specified in the California Health and Safety Code section 115000.1(h) to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on an annual basis for both shipped and stored LLRW. Alternatively, LLRW shipment information may be provided on a per shipment basis. LLRW shipment information and annual reports shall be mailed to:

Attn: LLRW Tracking Program
California Department of Public Health
Radiologic Health Branch, MS 7610
P.O. Box 997414
Sacramento, CA 95899-7414

24. At least 30 days prior to vacating any address of use listed in Condition 10 of this license, the licensee shall provide written notification of intent to vacate to the California Department of Public Health, in accordance with Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 30256 (b). Control of all licensed areas must be maintained until such areas are released by the Department for unrestricted use or the license is terminated, in accordance with Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 30256 (j).
25. A copy of this license and a copy of all records and documents pertaining to this license shall be maintained available for inspection at 1 Cyclotron Road, Building 4, Berkeley, CA 94720.
26. If approved by the Radiation Safety Officer specifically identified in this license, the licensee may take reasonable action in an emergency that departs from conditions in this license when action is immediately needed to protect public health and safety and no action consistent with all license conditions that can provide adequate or equivalent protection is immediately apparent. The licensee shall notify the CDPH-RHB before, if practicable, and in any case, immediately after taking such emergency action using reporting procedure specified in 10CFR30.50(c).

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Appendix B

Standard Operating Procedures

Soil Sampling

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this SOP is to provide guidelines that must be followed on Navy CLEAN projects for obtaining samples of surface and subsurface soils using hand and drilling-rig mounted equipment.

II. Equipment and Materials

- Stainless-steel trowel, shovel, scoop, coring device, hand auger, or other appropriate hand tool
- Stainless-steel, split-spoon samplers
- Thin-walled sampling tubes
- Drilling rig or soil-coring rig
- Stainless-steel pan/bowl or disposable sealable bags
- Sample bottles

III. Procedures and Guidelines

Before sampling begins, equipment will be decontaminated using the procedures described in SOP *Decontamination of Drilling Rigs and Equipment*. The sampling point is located and recorded in the field logbook. Debris should be cleared from the sampling location.

A. Surface and Shallow Subsurface Sampling

A shovel, post-hole digger, or other tool can be used to remove soil to a point just above the interval to be sampled. A decontaminated sampling tool will be used to collect the sample when the desired sampling depth has been reached. Soil for semivolatile organic and inorganic analyses is placed in the bowl and mixed; soil for volatile organic analysis is not mixed or composited but is placed directly into the appropriate sample bottles. A stainless-steel or dedicated wooden tongue depressor is used to transfer the sample from the bowl to the container.

The soils removed from the borehole should be visually described in the field log book, including approximated depths.

When sampling is completed, photo-ionization device (PID) readings should be taken directly above the hole, and the hole is then backfilled.

More details are provided in the SOP *Shallow Soil Sampling*.

B. Split-Spoon Sampling

Using a drilling rig, a hole is advanced to the desired depth. For split-spoon sampling, the samples are then collected following the ASTM D 1586 standard (attached). The sampler is lowered into the hole and driven to a depth equal to the total length of the sampler; typically, this is 24 inches. The sampler is driven in 6-inch increments using a 140-pound weight (“hammer”) dropped from a height of 30 inches. The number of hammer blows for each 6-inch interval is counted and recorded. To obtain enough volume of sample for subsequent laboratory analysis, use of a 3-inch ID sampler may be required. Blow counts obtained with a 3-inch ID spoon would not conform to ASTM D 1586 and would therefore not be used for geotechnical evaluations.

Once retrieved from the hole, the sampler is carefully split open. Care should be taken not to allow material in the sampler to fall out of the open end of the sampler. To collect the sample, the surface of the sample should be removed with a clean tool and disposed of. Samples collected for volatiles analysis should be placed directly into the sample containers from the desired depth in the split spoon. Material for samples for all other parameters should be removed to a decontaminated stainless steel tray or disposable sealable bag. The sample for semivolatile organic and inorganic analyses should be homogenized in the field by breaking the sample into small pieces and removing gravel. The homogenized sample should be placed in the sample containers. If sample volume requirements are not met by a single sample collection, additional sample volume may be obtained by collecting a sample from below the sample and compositing the sample for non-volatile parameters only.

Split-spoon samples also will be collected using a tripod rig. When using a tripod rig the soil samples are collected using an assembly similar to that used by the drilling rig.

C. Thin-Walled Tube Sampling

Undisturbed fine grained samples may be collected for analysis for geotechnical parameters such as vertical hydraulic conductivity. These samples will be collected using thin-walled sampling tubes (sometimes called Shelby tubes) according to ASTM D 1587 (attached). Tubes will be 24- to 36 inches long and 3- to 4-inches in diameter, depending upon the quantity of sample required. Undisturbed samples will be obtained by smoothly pressing the sampling tube through the interval to be sampled using the weight of the drilling rig. Jerking the sample should be avoided. Once the sample is brought to the surface, the ends will be sealed with bees wax and then sealed with end caps and heavy tape. The sample designation, data and time of sampling, and the up direction will be noted on the sampling tube. The tube shall be kept upright as much as possible and will be protected from freezing, which could disrupt the undisturbed nature of the sample. Samples for geochemical analysis normally are not collected from thin-walled tube samples.

IV. Attachments

ASTM D 1586 Standard Penetration Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils (ASTM D1586.pdf)

ASTM D 1587 Standard Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils (ASTM D1587.pdf)

V. Key Checks and Preventative Maintenance

- Check that decontamination of equipment is thorough.
- Check that sample collection is swift to avoid loss of volatile organics during sampling.



Designation: D 1586 – 08

Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D 1586; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. Scope*

1.1 This test method describes the procedure, generally known as the Standard Penetration Test (SPT), for driving a split-barrel sampler to obtain a representative disturbed soil sample for identification purposes, and measure the resistance of the soil to penetration of the sampler. Another method (Test Method D 3550) to drive a split-barrel sampler to obtain a representative soil sample is available but the hammer energy is not standardized.

1.2 Practice D 6066 gives a guide to determining the normalized penetration resistance of sands for energy adjustments of N-value to a constant energy level for evaluating liquefaction potential.

1.3 Test results and identification information are used to estimate subsurface conditions for foundation design.

1.4 Penetration resistance testing is typically performed at 5-foot depth intervals or when a significant change of materials is observed during drilling, unless otherwise specified.

1.5 This test method is limited to use in nonlithified soils and soils whose maximum particle size is approximately less than one-half of the sampler diameter.

1.6 This test method involves use of rotary drilling equipment (Guide D 5783, Practice D 6151). Other drilling and sampling procedures (Guide D 6286, Guide D 6169) are available and may be more appropriate. Considerations for hand driving or shallow sampling without boreholes are not addressed. Subsurface investigations should be recorded in accordance with Practice D 5434. Samples should be preserved and transported in accordance with Practice D 4220 using Group B. Soil samples should be identified by group name and symbol in accordance with Practice D 2488.

1.7 All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D 6026, unless superseded by this test method.

1.8 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard, except as noted below. The values given in

parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.8.1 The gravitational system of inch-pound units is used when dealing with inch-pound units. In this system, the pound (lbf) represents a unit of force (weight), while the unit for mass is slugs.

1.9 Penetration resistance measurements often will involve safety planning, administration, and documentation. This test method does not purport to address all aspects of exploration and site safety. *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Performance of the test usually involves use of a drill rig; therefore, safety requirements as outlined in applicable safety standards (for example, OSHA regulations,² NDA Drilling Safety Guide,³ drilling safety manuals, and other applicable state and local regulations) must be observed.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:⁴

D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids

D 854 Test Methods for Specific Gravity of Soil Solids by Water Pycnometer

D 1587 Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils for Geotechnical Purposes

D 2216 Test Methods for Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil and Rock by Mass

D 2487 Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

D 2488 Practice for Description and Identification of Soils

² Available from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210, <http://www.osha.gov>.

³ Available from the National Drilling Association, 3511 Center Rd., Suite 8, Brunswick, OH 44212, <http://www.nda4u.com>.

⁴ For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

¹ This method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D18 on Soil and Rock and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D18.02 on Sampling and Related Field Testing for Soil Evaluations.

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- D 3550 Practice for Thick Wall, Ring-Lined, Split Barrel, Drive Sampling of Soils
- D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction
- D 4220 Practices for Preserving and Transporting Soil Samples
- D 4633 Test Method for Energy Measurement for Dynamic Penetrometers
- D 5434 Guide for Field Logging of Subsurface Explorations of Soil and Rock
- D 5783 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Drilling with Water-Based Drilling Fluid for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices
- D 6026 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Geotechnical Data
- D 6066 Practice for Determining the Normalized Penetration Resistance of Sands for Evaluation of Liquefaction Potential
- D 6151 Practice for Using Hollow-Stem Augers for Geotechnical Exploration and Soil Sampling
- D 6169 Guide for Selection of Soil and Rock Sampling Devices Used With Drill Rigs for Environmental Investigations
- D 6286 Guide for Selection of Drilling Methods for Environmental Site Characterization
- D 6913 Test Methods for Particle-Size Distribution (Gradation) of Soils Using Sieve Analysis

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:* Definitions of terms included in Terminology D 653 specific to this practice are:

3.1.1 *cathead, n*—the rotating drum or windlass in the rope-cathead lift system around which the operator wraps a rope to lift and drop the hammer by successively tightening and loosening the rope turns around the drum.

3.1.2 *drill rods, n*—rods used to transmit downward force and torque to the drill bit while drilling a borehole.

3.1.3 *N-value, n*—the blow count representation of the penetration resistance of the soil. The *N-value*, reported in blows per foot, equals the sum of the number of blows (*N*) required to drive the sampler over the depth interval of 6 to 18 in. (150 to 450 mm) (see 7.3).

3.1.4 *Standard Penetration Test (SPT), n*—a test process in the bottom of the borehole where a split-barrel sampler having an inside diameter of either 1-1/2-in. (38.1 mm) or 1-3/8-in. (34.9 mm) (see Note 2) is driven a given distance of 1.0 ft (0.30 m) after a seating interval of 0.5 ft (0.15 m) using a hammer weighing approximately 140-lbf (623-N) falling 30 ± 1.0 in. (0.76 m \pm 0.030 m) for each hammer blow.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *anvil, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly which the hammer strikes and through which the hammer energy passes into the drill rods.

3.2.2 *drive weight assembly, n*—an assembly that consists of the hammer, anvil, hammer fall guide system, drill rod attachment system, and any hammer drop system hoisting attachments.

3.2.3 *hammer, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly consisting of the 140 ± 2 lbf (623 \pm 9 N) impact weight which is successively lifted and dropped to provide the energy that accomplishes the sampling and penetration.

3.2.4 *hammer drop system, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly by which the operator or automatic system accomplishes the lifting and dropping of the hammer to produce the blow.

3.2.5 *hammer fall guide, n*—that part of the drive-weight assembly used to guide the fall of the hammer.

3.2.6 *number of rope turns, n*—the total contact angle between the rope and the cathead at the beginning of the operator's rope slackening to drop the hammer, divided by 360° (see Fig. 1).

3.2.7 *sampling rods, n*—rods that connect the drive-weight assembly to the sampler. Drill rods are often used for this purpose.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method provides a disturbed soil sample for moisture content determination, for identification and classification (Practices D 2487 and D 2488) purposes, and for laboratory tests appropriate for soil obtained from a sampler that will produce large shear strain disturbance in the sample such as Test Methods D 854, D 2216, and D 6913. Soil deposits containing gravels, cobbles, or boulders typically result in penetration refusal and damage to the equipment.

4.2 This test method provides a disturbed soil sample for moisture content determination and laboratory identification. Sample quality is generally not suitable for advanced laboratory testing for engineering properties. The process of driving the sampler will cause disturbance of the soil and change the engineering properties. Use of the thin wall tube sampler (Practice D 1587) may result in less disturbance in soft soils. Coring techniques may result in less disturbance than SPT sampling for harder soils, but it is not always the case, that is, some cemented soils may become loosened by water action during coring; see Practice D 6151, and Guide D 6169.

4.3 This test method is used extensively in a great variety of geotechnical exploration projects. Many local correlations and widely published correlations which relate blow count, or *N-value*, and the engineering behavior of earthworks and foundations are available. For evaluating the liquefaction potential of sands during an earthquake event, the *N-value* should be normalized to a standard overburden stress level. Practice D 6066 provides methods to obtain a record of normalized resistance of sands to the penetration of a standard sampler driven by a standard energy. The penetration resistance is adjusted to drill rod energy ratio of 60 % by using a hammer system with either an estimated energy delivery or directly measuring drill rod stress wave energy using Test Method D 4633.

NOTE 1—The reliability of data and interpretations generated by this practice is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it

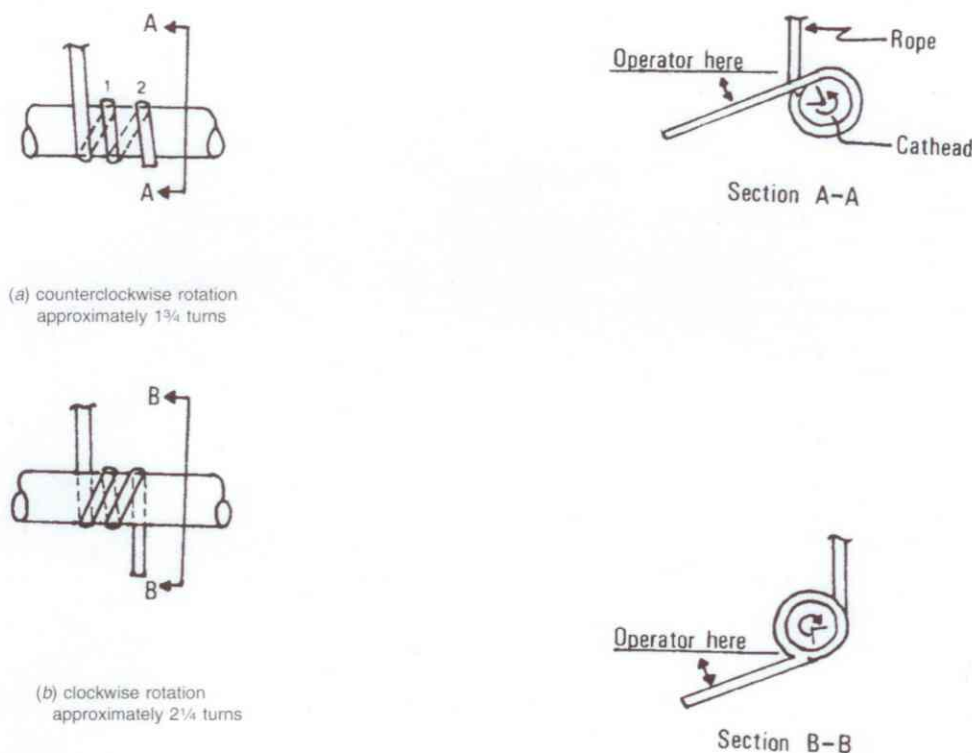


FIG. 1 Definitions of the Number of Rope Turns and the Angle for (a) Counterclockwise Rotation and (b) Clockwise Rotation of the Cathead

and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D 3740 generally are considered capable of competent testing. Users of this practice are cautioned that compliance with Practice D 3740 does not assure reliable testing. Reliable testing depends on several factors and Practice D 3740 provides a means of evaluating some of these factors. Practice D 3740 was developed for agencies engaged in the testing, inspection, or both, of soils and rock. As such, it is not totally applicable to agencies performing this practice. Users of this test method should recognize that the framework of Practice D 3740 is appropriate for evaluating the quality of an agency performing this test method. Currently, there is no known qualifying national authority that inspects agencies that perform this test method.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Drilling Equipment*—Any drilling equipment that provides at the time of sampling a suitable borehole before insertion of the sampler and ensures that the penetration test is performed on undisturbed soil shall be acceptable. The following pieces of equipment have proven to be suitable for advancing a borehole in some subsurface conditions:

5.1.1 *Drag, Chopping, and Fishtail Bits*, less than 6½ in. (165 mm) and greater than 2¼ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used in conjunction with open-hole rotary drilling or casing-advancement drilling methods. To avoid disturbance of the underlying soil, bottom discharge bits are not permitted; only side discharge bits are permitted.

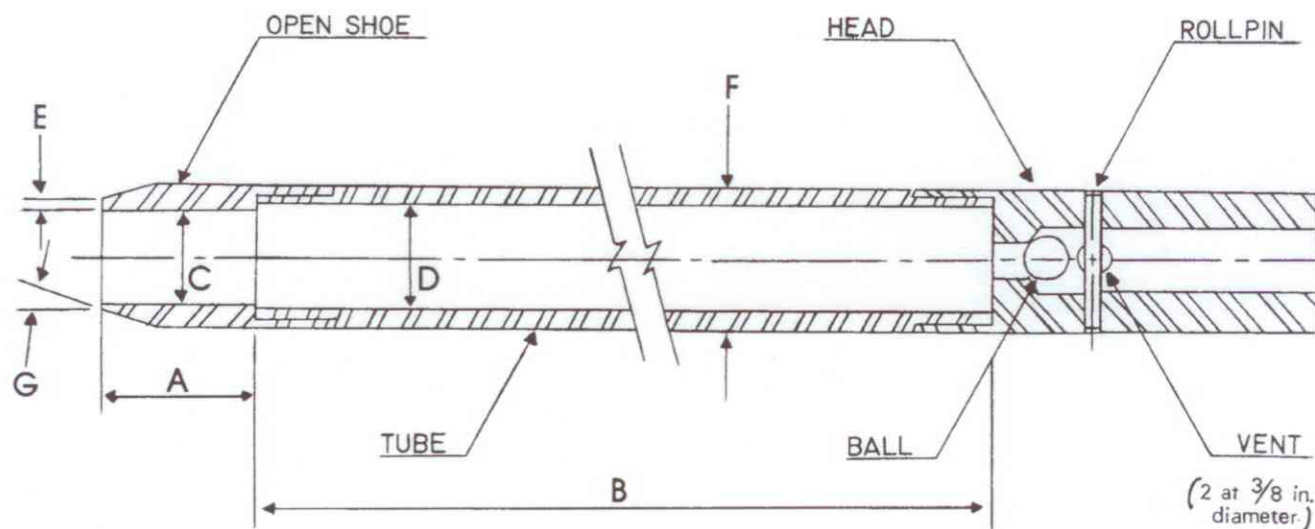
5.1.2 *Roller-Cone Bits*, less than 6½ in. (165 mm) and greater than 2¼ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used in conjunction with open-hole rotary drilling or casing-advancement drilling methods if the drilling fluid discharge is deflected.

5.1.3 *Hollow-Stem Continuous Flight Augers*, with or without a center bit assembly, may be used to drill the borehole. The inside diameter of the hollow-stem augers shall be less than 6½ in. (165 mm) and not less than 2¼ in. (57 mm).

5.1.4 *Solid, Continuous Flight, Bucket and Hand Augers*, less than 6½ in. (165 mm) and not less than 2¼ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used if the soil on the side of the borehole does not cave onto the sampler or sampling rods during sampling.

5.2 *Sampling Rods*—Flush-joint steel drill rods shall be used to connect the split-barrel sampler to the drive-weight assembly. The sampling rod shall have a stiffness (moment of inertia) equal to or greater than that of parallel wall “A” rod (a steel rod that has an outside diameter of 1-5/8 in. (41.3 mm) and an inside diameter of 1-1/8 in. (28.5 mm)).

5.3 *Split-Barrel Sampler*—The standard sampler dimensions are shown in Fig. 2. The sampler has an outside diameter of 2.00 in. (50.8 mm). The inside diameter of the of the split-barrel (dimension D in Fig. 2) can be either 1½-in. (38.1



- A = 1.0 to 2.0 in. (25 to 50 mm)
 B = 18.0 to 30.0 in. (0.457 to 0.762 m)
 C = 1.375 ± 0.005 in. (34.93 ± 0.13 mm)
 D = $1.50 \pm 0.05 - 0.00$ in. ($38.1 \pm 1.3 - 0.0$ mm)
 E = 0.10 ± 0.02 in. (2.54 ± 0.25 mm)
 F = $2.00 \pm 0.05 - 0.00$ in. ($50.8 \pm 1.3 - 0.0$ mm)
 G = 16.0° to 23.0°

FIG. 2 Split-Barrel Sampler

mm) or 1½-in. (34.9 mm) (see Note 2). A 16-gauge liner can be used inside the 1½-in. (38.1 mm) split barrel sampler. The driving shoe shall be of hardened steel and shall be replaced or repaired when it becomes dented or distorted. The penetrating end of the drive shoe may be slightly rounded. The split-barrel sampler must be equipped with a ball check and vent. Metal or plastic baskets may be used to retain soil samples.

NOTE 2—Both theory and available test data suggest that *N*-values may differ as much as 10 to 30 % between a constant inside diameter sampler and upset wall sampler. If it is necessary to correct for the upset wall sampler refer to Practice D 6066. In North America, it is now common practice to use an upset wall sampler with an inside diameter of 1½ in. At one time, liners were used but practice evolved to use the upset wall sampler without liners. Use of an upset wall sampler allows for use of retainers if needed, reduces inside friction, and improves recovery. Many other countries still use a constant ID split-barrel sampler, which was the original standard and still acceptable within this standard.

5.4 Drive-Weight Assembly:

5.4.1 *Hammer and Anvil*—The hammer shall weigh 140 ± 2 lbf (623 ± 9 N) and shall be a rigid metallic mass. The hammer shall strike the anvil and make steel on steel contact when it is dropped. A hammer fall guide permitting an unimpeded fall shall be used. Fig. 3 shows a schematic of such hammers. Hammers used with the cathead and rope method shall have an unimpeded over lift capacity of at least 4 in. (100 mm). For safety reasons, the use of a hammer assembly with an internal anvil is encouraged as shown in Fig. 3. The total mass of the hammer assembly bearing on the drill rods should not be more than 250 ± 10 lbf (113 ± 5 kg).

NOTE 3—It is suggested that the hammer fall guide be permanently marked to enable the operator or inspector to judge the hammer drop height.

5.4.2 *Hammer Drop System*—Rope-cathead, trip, semi-automatic or automatic hammer drop systems, as shown in Fig. 4 may be used, providing the lifting apparatus will not cause penetration of the sampler while re-engaging and lifting the hammer.

5.5 *Accessory Equipment*—Accessories such as labels, sample containers, data sheets, and groundwater level measuring devices shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the project and other ASTM standards.

6. Drilling Procedure

6.1 The borehole shall be advanced incrementally to permit intermittent or continuous sampling. Test intervals and locations are normally stipulated by the project engineer or geologist. Typically, the intervals selected are 5 ft (1.5 m) or less in homogeneous strata with test and sampling locations at every change of strata. Record the depth of drilling to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m).

6.2 Any drilling procedure that provides a suitably clean and stable borehole before insertion of the sampler and assures that the penetration test is performed on essentially undisturbed soil shall be acceptable. Each of the following procedures has proven to be acceptable for some subsurface conditions. The subsurface conditions anticipated should be considered when selecting the drilling method to be used.

- 6.2.1 Open-hole rotary drilling method.
- 6.2.2 Continuous flight hollow-stem auger method.
- 6.2.3 Wash boring method.
- 6.2.4 Continuous flight solid auger method.

6.3 Several drilling methods produce unacceptable boreholes. The process of jetting through an open tube sampler and

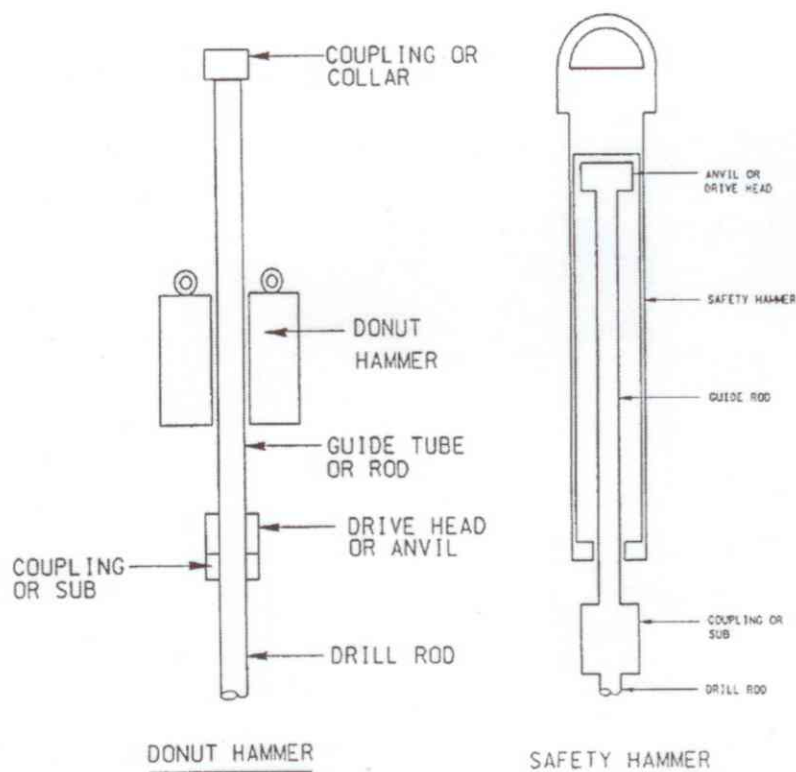


FIG. 3 Schematic Drawing of the Donut Hammer and Safety Hammer

then sampling when the desired depth is reached shall not be permitted. The continuous flight solid auger method shall not be used for advancing the borehole below a water table or below the upper confining bed of a confined non-cohesive stratum that is under artesian pressure. Casing may not be advanced below the sampling elevation prior to sampling. Advancing a borehole with bottom discharge bits is not permissible. It is not permissible to advance the borehole for subsequent insertion of the sampler solely by means of previous sampling with the SPT sampler.

6.4 The drilling fluid level within the borehole or hollow-stem augers shall be maintained at or above the in situ groundwater level at all times during drilling, removal of drill rods, and sampling.

7. Sampling and Testing Procedure

7.1 After the borehole has been advanced to the desired sampling elevation and excessive cuttings have been removed, record the cleanout depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and prepare for the test with the following sequence of operations:

7.1.1 Attach either split-barrel sampler Type A or B to the sampling rods and lower into the borehole. Do not allow the sampler to drop onto the soil to be sampled.

7.1.2 Position the hammer above and attach the anvil to the top of the sampling rods. This may be done before the sampling rods and sampler are lowered into the borehole.

7.1.3 Rest the dead weight of the sampler, rods, anvil, and drive weight on the bottom of the borehole. Record the sampling start depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m). Compare

the sampling start depth to the cleanout depth in 7.1. If excessive cuttings are encountered at the bottom of the borehole, remove the sampler and sampling rods from the borehole and remove the cuttings.

7.1.4 Mark the drill rods in three successive 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increments so that the advance of the sampler under the impact of the hammer can be easily observed for each 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increment.

7.2 Drive the sampler with blows from the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer and count the number of blows applied in each 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increment until one of the following occurs:

7.2.1 A total of 50 blows have been applied during any one of the three 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increments described in 7.1.4.

7.2.2 A total of 100 blows have been applied.

7.2.3 There is no observed advance of the sampler during the application of 10 successive blows of the hammer.

7.2.4 The sampler is advanced the complete 1.5 ft. (0.45 m) without the limiting blow counts occurring as described in 7.2.1, 7.2.2, or 7.2.3.

7.2.5 If the sampler sinks under the weight of the hammer, weight of rods, or both, record the length of travel to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and drive the sampler through the remainder of the test interval. If the sampler sinks the complete interval, stop the penetration, remove the sampler and sampling rods from the borehole, and advance the borehole through the very soft or very loose materials to the next desired sampling elevation. Record the *N*-value as either weight of hammer, weight of rods, or both.

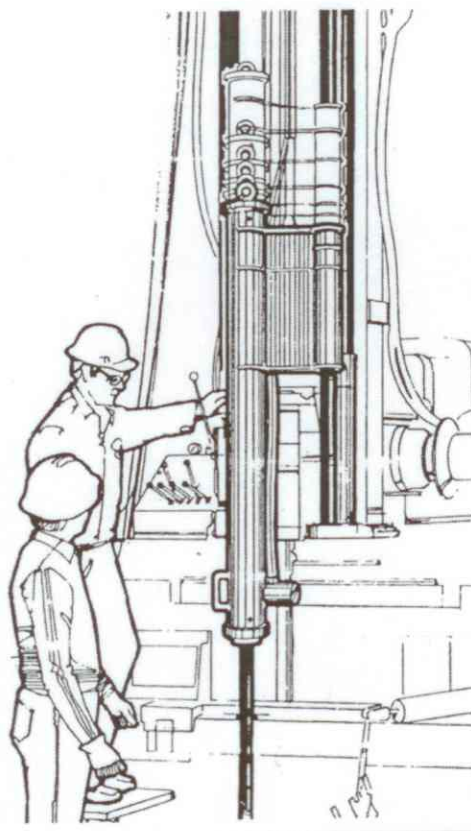


FIG. 4 Automatic Trip Hammer

7.3 Record the number of blows (N) required to advance the sampler each 0.5-foot (0.15 m) of penetration or fraction thereof. The first 0.5-foot (0.15 m) is considered to be a seating drive. The sum of the number of blows required for the second and third 0.5-foot (0.15 m) of penetration is termed the "standard penetration resistance," or the " N -value." If the sampler is driven less than 1.5 ft (0.45 m), as permitted in 7.2.1, 7.2.2, or 7.2.3, the number of blows per each complete 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increment and per each partial increment shall be recorded on the boring log. For partial increments, the depth of penetration shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) in addition to the number of blows. If the sampler advances below the bottom of the borehole under the static weight of the drill rods or the weight of the drill rods plus the static weight of the hammer, this information should be noted on the boring log.

7.4 The raising and dropping of the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer shall be accomplished using either of the following two methods. Energy delivered to the drill rod by either method can be measured according to procedures in Test Method D 4633.

7.4.1 *Method A*—By using a trip, automatic, or semi-automatic hammer drop system that lifts the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer and allows it to drop 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$) with limited unimpedance. Drop heights adjustments for automatic and trip hammers should be checked daily and at first indication of variations in performance. Operation of automatic hammers shall be in strict accordance with operations manuals.

7.4.2 *Method B*—By using a cathead to pull a rope attached to the hammer. When the cathead and rope method is used the system and operation shall conform to the following:

7.4.2.1 The cathead shall be essentially free of rust, oil, or grease and have a diameter in the range of 6 to 10 in. (150 to 250 mm).

7.4.2.2 The cathead should be operated at a minimum speed of rotation of 100 RPM.

7.4.2.3 The operator should generally use either 1-3/4 or 2-1/4 rope turns on the cathead, depending upon whether or not the rope comes off the top (1-3/4 turns for counterclockwise rotation) or the bottom (2-1/4 turns for clockwise rotation) of the cathead during the performance of the penetration test, as shown in Fig. 1. It is generally known and accepted that 2-3/4 or more rope turns considerably impedes the fall of the hammer and should not be used to perform the test. The cathead rope should be stiff, relatively dry, clean, and should be replaced when it becomes excessively frayed, oily, limp, or burned.

7.4.2.4 For each hammer blow, a 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$) lift and drop shall be employed by the operator. The operation of pulling and throwing the rope shall be performed rhythmically without holding the rope at the top of the stroke.

NOTE 4—If the hammer drop height is something other than 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$), then record the new drop height. For soils other than sands, there is no known data or research that relates to adjusting the N -value obtained from different drop heights. Test method D 4633 provides information on making energy measurement for variable drop

heights and Practice D 6066 provides information on adjustment of *N*-value to a constant energy level (60 % of theoretical, *N*60). Practice D 6066 allows the hammer drop height to be adjusted to provide 60 % energy.

7.5 Bring the sampler to the surface and open. Record the percent recovery to the nearest 1 % or the length of sample recovered to the nearest 0.01 ft (5 mm). Classify the soil samples recovered as to, in accordance with Practice D 2488, then place one or more representative portions of the sample into sealable moisture-proof containers (jars) without ramming or distorting any apparent stratification. Seal each container to prevent evaporation of soil moisture. Affix labels to the containers bearing job designation, boring number, sample depth, and the blow count per 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increment. Protect the samples against extreme temperature changes. If there is a soil change within the sampler, make a jar for each stratum and note its location in the sampler barrel. Samples should be preserved and transported in accordance with Practice D 4220 using Group B.

8. Data Sheet(s)/Form(s)

8.1 Data obtained in each borehole shall be recorded in accordance with the Subsurface Logging Guide D 5434 as required by the exploration program. An example of a sample data sheet is included in Appendix X1.

8.2 Drilling information shall be recorded in the field and shall include the following:

- 8.2.1 Name and location of job,
- 8.2.2 Names of crew,
- 8.2.3 Type and make of drilling machine,
- 8.2.4 Weather conditions,
- 8.2.5 Date and time of start and finish of borehole,
- 8.2.6 Boring number and location (station and coordinates, if available and applicable),
- 8.2.7 Surface elevation, if available,
- 8.2.8 Method of advancing and cleaning the borehole,
- 8.2.9 Method of keeping borehole open,
- 8.2.10 Depth of water surface to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) and drilling depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) at the time of a noted loss of drilling fluid, and time and date when reading or notation was made,
- 8.2.11 Location of strata changes, to the nearest 0.5 ft (15 cm),
- 8.2.12 Size of casing, depth of cased portion of borehole to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m),

8.2.13 Equipment and Method A or B of driving sampler,

8.2.14 Sampler length and inside diameter of barrel, and if a sample basket retainer is used,

8.2.15 Size, type, and section length of the sampling rods, and

8.2.16 Remarks.

8.3 Data obtained for each sample shall be recorded in the field and shall include the following:

8.3.1 Top of sample depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) and, if utilized, the sample number,

8.3.2 Description of soil,

8.3.3 Strata changes within sample,

8.3.4 Sampler penetration and recovery lengths to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and

8.3.5 Number of blows per 0.5 foot (0.015 m) or partial increment.

9. Precision and Bias

9.1 *Precision*—Test data on precision is not presented due to the nature of this test method. It is either not feasible or too costly at this time to have ten or more agencies participate in an in situ testing program at a given site.

9.1.1 The Subcommittee 18.02 is seeking additional data from the users of this test method that might be used to make a limited statement on precision. Present knowledge indicates the following:

9.1.1.1 Variations in *N*-values of 100 % or more have been observed when using different standard penetration test apparatus and drillers for adjacent boreholes in the same soil formation. Current opinion, based on field experience, indicates that when using the same apparatus and driller, *N*-values in the same soil can be reproduced with a coefficient of variation of about 10 %.

9.1.1.2 The use of faulty equipment, such as an extremely massive or damaged anvil, a rusty cathead, a low speed cathead, an old, oily rope, or massive or poorly lubricated rope sheaves can significantly contribute to differences in *N*-values obtained between operator-drill rig systems.

9.2 *Bias*—There is no accepted reference value for this test method, therefore, bias cannot be determined.

10. Keywords

10.1 blow count; in-situ test; penetration resistance; soil; split-barrel sampling; standard penetration test

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. Example Data Sheet

X1.1 See Fig. 5.

DRILLERS BORING LOG

Project _____		Project No. _____		Boring No. _____	
Location _____				Sheet _____ of _____	
Date Started _____		Date Completed _____			
		Drill Crew:		Boring Location Station _____ Offset _____ Elevation _____	

Strata Depth		Soil Description and Remarks	Sample Type	No.	Depth		Recovery	N-Values		
From	To				From	To		6"	6"	6"

Drill Rig Type _____		Weather _____	
Method Of Drilling:		Non-Drilling Time (Hrs.)	
Auger _____ Size _____		Boring Layout _____ Moving _____	
Wash _____ Water _____ Mud _____		Hauling Water _____ Standby _____	
Hammer Type		Water Level @ _____ Date _____ Time _____	
Auto _____ Manual _____		@ _____ Date _____ Time _____	
Spill-Spoon Type		@ _____ Date _____ Time _____	
Length _____ Liner Used _____		Cave-in Depth @ _____ Date _____ Time _____	
Boring Size _____ Bit Used _____			
Casing Size _____ Length _____			

FIG. 5 Example Data Sheet

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D18 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D 1586 – 99) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved February 1, 2008.)

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| <p>(1) There have been numerous changes to this standard to list them separately. From the most recent main ballot process, additional changes were requested and incorporated into this newest revision. Stated below is a highlight of some of the changes.</p> <p>(2) Scope was completely revised.</p> <p>(3) Referenced Documents updated to include new standards.</p> | <p>(4) Terminology: added section on Definitions.</p> <p>(5) Significance and Use: clarified use of the SPT test.</p> <p>(6) Apparatus: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(7) Sampling and Testing Procedure: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(8) Data Sheets/Forms: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(9) Precision and Bias: added Sections 9.1.1.1 and 9.1.1.2.</p> |
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Standard Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils for Geotechnical Purposes¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

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1. Scope*

1.1 This practice covers a procedure for using a thin-walled metal tube to recover relatively undisturbed soil samples suitable for laboratory tests of engineering properties, such as strength, compressibility, permeability, and density. Thin-walled tubes used in piston, plug, or rotary-type samplers should comply with Section 6.3 of this practice which describes the thin-walled tubes.

NOTE 1—This practice does not apply to liners used within the samplers.

1.2 This Practice is limited to soils that can be penetrated by the thin-walled tube. This sampling method is not recommended for sampling soils containing gravel or larger size soil particles cemented or very hard soils. Other soil samplers may be used for sampling these soil types. Such samplers include driven split barrel samplers and soil coring devices (D 1586, D 3550, and D 6151). For information on appropriate use of other soil samplers refer to D 6169.

1.3 This practice is often used in conjunction with fluid rotary drilling (D 1452, D 5783) or hollow-stem augers (D 6151). Subsurface geotechnical explorations should be reported in accordance with practice (D 5434). This practice discusses some aspects of sample preservation after the sampling event. For information on preservation and transportation process of soil samples, consult Practice D 4220. This practice does not address environmental sampling; consult D 6169 and D 6232 for information on sampling for environmental investigations.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only. The tubing tolerances presented in Table 1 are from sources available in North

America. Use of metric equivalent is acceptable as long as thickness and proportions are similar to those required in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.6 This practice offers a set of instructions for performing one or more specific operations. This document cannot replace education or experience and should be used in conjunction with professional judgment. Not all aspects of this practice may be applicable in all circumstances. This ASTM standard is not intended to represent or replace the standard of care by which the adequacy of a given professional service must be judged, nor should this document be applied without consideration of a project's many unique aspects. The word "Standard" in the title of this document means only that the document has been approved through the ASTM consensus process.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids
- D 1452 Practice for Soil Investigation and Sampling by Auger Borings
- D 1586 Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils
- D 2488 Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)
- D 3550 Practice for Thick Wall, Ring-Lined, Split Barrel, Drive Sampling of Soils
- D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock

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TABLE 1 Dimensional Tolerances for Thin-Walled Tubes

Nominal Tube Diameters from Table 2 ^A Tolerances						
Size Outside Diameter	2 in.	50.8 mm	3 in.	76.2 mm	5 in.	127 mm
Outside diameter, D_o	+0.007 -0.000	+0.179 -0.000	+0.010 -0.000	+0.254 -0.000	+0.015 -0.000	0.381 -0.000
Inside diameter, D_i	+0.000 -0.007	+0.000 -0.179	+0.000 -0.010	+0.000 -0.254	+0.000 -0.015	+0.000 -0.381
Wall thickness	± 0.007	± 0.179	± 0.010	± 0.254	± 0.015	± 0.381
Ovality	0.015	0.381	0.020	0.508	0.030	0.762
Straightness	0.030/ft	2.50/m	0.030/ft	2.50/m	0.030/ft	2.50/m

^A Intermediate or larger diameters should be proportional. Specify only two of the first three tolerances; that is, D_o and D_i , or D_o and Wall thickness, or D_i and Wall thickness.

- as Used in Engineering Design and Construction
- D 4220 Practices for Preserving and Transporting Soil Samples
- D 5434 Guide for Field Logging of Subsurface Explorations of Soil and Rock
- D 5783 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Drilling with Water-Based Drilling Fluid for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices
- D 6151 Practice for Using Hollow-Stem Augers for Geotechnical Exploration and Soil Sampling
- D 6169 Guide for Selection of Soil and Rock Sampling Devices Used With Drill Rigs for Environmental Investigations
- D 6232 Guide for Selection of Sampling Equipment for Waste and Contaminated Media Data Collection Activities

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For common definitions of terms in this standard, refer to Terminology D 653.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *inside clearance ratio*, %, n —the ratio of the difference in the inside diameter of the tube, D_i , minus the inside diameter of the cutting edge, D_e , to the inside diameter of the tube, D_i , expressed as a percentage (see Fig. 1).

3.2.2 *ovality*, n —the cross section of the tube that deviates from a perfect circle.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 A relatively undisturbed sample is obtained by pressing a thin-walled metal tube into the in-situ soil at the bottom of a boring, removing the soil-filled tube, and applying seals to the soil surfaces to prevent soil movement and moisture gain or loss.

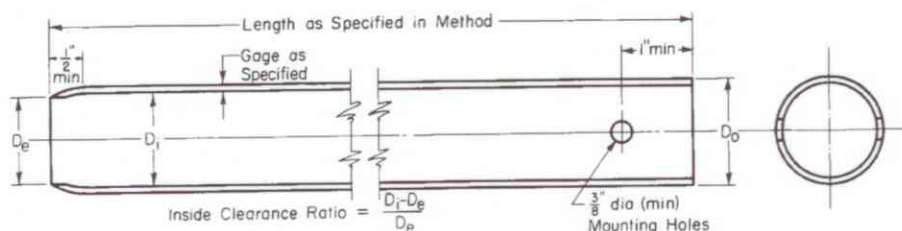
5. Significance and Use

5.1 This practice, or Practice D 3550 with thin wall shoe, is used when it is necessary to obtain a relatively undisturbed specimen suitable for laboratory tests of engineering properties or other tests that might be influenced by soil disturbance.

NOTE 2—The quality of the result produced by this standard is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it, and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D 3740 are generally considered capable of competent and objective sampling. Users of this practice are cautioned that compliance with Practice D 3740 does not in itself assure reliable results. Reliable results depend on many factors; Practice D 3740 provides a means of evaluating some of those factors.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Drilling Equipment*—When sampling in a boring, any drilling equipment may be used that provides a reasonably



NOTE 1—Minimum of two mounting holes on opposite sides for D_o smaller than 4 in. (101.6 mm).

NOTE 2—Minimum of four mounting holes equally spaced for D_o 4 in. (101.6 mm) and larger.

NOTE 3—Tube held with hardened screws or other suitable means.

NOTE 4—2-in (50.8 mm) outside-diameter tubes are specified with an 18-gage wall thickness to comply with area ratio criteria accepted for “undisturbed samples.” Users are advised that such tubing is difficult to locate and can be extremely expensive in small quantities. Sixteen-gage tubes are generally readily available.

Metric Equivalent Conversions

in.	mm
3/8	9.53
1/2	12.7
1	25.4
2	50.8
3	76.2
4	101.6
5	127

FIG. 1 Thin-Walled Tube for Sampling

TABLE 2 Suitable Thin-Walled Steel Sample Tubes^A

Outside diameter (D_o):			
in.	2	3	5
mm	50.8	76.2	127
Wall thickness:			
Bwg	18	16	11
in.	0.049	0.065	0.120
mm	1.24	1.65	3.05
Tube length:			
in.	36	36	54
m	0.91	0.91	1.45
Inside clearance ratio, %	<1	<1	<1

^A The three diameters recommended in Table 2 are indicated for purposes of standardization, and are not intended to indicate that sampling tubes of intermediate or larger diameters are not acceptable. Lengths of tubes shown are illustrative. Proper lengths to be determined as suited to field conditions.

clean hole; that minimizes disturbance of the soil to be sampled; and that does not hinder the penetration of the thin-walled sampler. Open borehole diameter and the inside diameter of driven casing or hollow stem auger shall not exceed 3.5 times the outside diameter of the thin-walled tube.

6.2 *Sampler Insertion Equipment*, shall be adequate to provide a relatively rapid continuous penetration force. For hard formations it may be necessary, although not recommended, to drive the thin-walled tube sampler.

6.3 *Thin-Walled Tubes*, should be manufactured to the dimensions as shown in Fig. 1. They should have an outside diameter of 2 to 5 in. (50 to 130 mm) and be made of metal having adequate strength for the type of soil to be sampled. Tubes shall be clean and free of all surface irregularities including projecting weld seams. Other diameters may be used but the tube dimensions should be proportional to the tube designs presented here.

6.3.1 *Length of Tubes*—See Table 2 and 7.4.1.

6.3.2 *Tolerances*, shall be within the limits shown in Table 1.

6.3.3 *Inside Clearance Ratio*, should be not greater than 1 % unless specified otherwise for the type of soil to be sampled. Generally, the inside clearance ratio used should increase with the increase in plasticity of the soil being sampled, except for sensitive soils or where local experience indicates otherwise. See 3.2.1 and Fig. 1 for definition of inside clearance ratio.

6.3.4 *Corrosion Protection*—Corrosion, whether from galvanic or chemical reaction, can damage or destroy both the thin-walled tube and the sample. Severity of damage is a function of time as well as interaction between the sample and the tube. Thin-walled tubes should have some form of protective coating, unless the soil is to be extruded less than 3 days. The type of coating to be used may vary depending upon the material to be sampled. Plating of the tubes or alternate base metals may be specified. Galvanized tubes are often used when long term storage is required. Coatings may include a light coat of lubricating oil, lacquer, epoxy, Teflon, zinc oxide, and others.

NOTE 3—Most coating materials are not resistant to scratching by soils that contain sands. Consideration should be given for prompt testing of the sample because chemical reactions between the metal and the soil sample can occur with time.

6.4 *Sampler Head*, serves to couple the thin-walled tube to the insertion equipment and, together with the thin-walled tube,

comprises the thin-walled tube sampler. The sampler head shall contain a venting area and suitable check valve with the venting area to the outside equal to or greater than the area through the check valve. In some special cases, a check valve may not be required but venting is required to avoid sample compression. Attachment of the head to the tube shall be concentric and coaxial to assure uniform application of force to the tube by the sampler insertion equipment.

7. Procedure

7.1 Remove loose material from the center of a casing or hollow stem auger as carefully as possible to avoid disturbance of the material to be sampled. If groundwater is encountered, maintain the liquid level in the borehole at or above ground water level during the drilling and sampling operation.

7.2 Bottom discharge bits are not permitted. Side discharge bits may be used, with caution. Jetting through an open-tube sampler to clean out the borehole to sampling elevation is not permitted.

NOTE 4—Roller bits are available in downward-jetting and diffused-jet configurations. Downward-jetting configuration rock bits are not acceptable. Diffuse-jet configurations are generally acceptable.

7.3 Lower the sampling apparatus so that the sample tube's bottom rests on the bottom of the hole and record depth to the bottom of the sample tube to the nearest 0.1-ft (.03 m)

7.3.1 Keep the sampling apparatus plumb during lowering, thereby preventing the cutting edge of the tube from scraping the wall of the borehole.

7.4 Advance the sampler without rotation by a continuous relatively rapid downward motion and record length of advancement to the nearest 1 in. (25 mm).

7.4.1 Determine the length of advance by the resistance and condition of the soil formation, but the length shall never exceed 5 to 10 diameters of the tube in sands and 10 to 15 diameters of the tube in clays. In no case shall a length of advance be greater than the sample-tube length minus an allowance for the sampler head and a minimum of 3-in. (75 mm) for sludge and end cuttings.

NOTE 5—The mass of sample, laboratory handling capabilities, transportation problems, and commercial availability of tubes will generally limit maximum practical lengths to those shown in Table 2.

7.5 When the soil formation is too hard for push-type insertion, the tube may be driven or Practice D 3550 may be used. If driving methods are used, the data regarding weight and fall of the hammer and penetration achieved must be shown in the report. Additionally, that tube must be prominently labeled a "driven sample."

7.6 Withdraw the sampler from the soil formation as carefully as possible in order to minimize disturbance of the sample. The tube can be slowly rotated to shear the material at the end of the tube, and to relieve water and/or suction pressures and improve recovery. Where the soil formation is soft, a delay before withdraw of the sampler (typically 5 to 30 minutes) may improve sample recovery.

8. Sample Measurement, Sealing and Labeling

8.1 Upon removal of the tube, remove the drill cuttings in the upper end of the tube and measure the length of the soil

sample recovered to the nearest 0.25 in. (5 mm) in the tube. Seal the upper end of the tube. Remove at least 1 in. (25 mm) of material from the lower end of the tube. Use this material for soil description in accordance with Practice D 2488. Measure the overall sample length. Seal the lower end of the tube. Alternatively, after measurement, the tube may be sealed without removal of soil from the ends of the tube.

8.1.1 Tubes sealed over the ends, as opposed to those sealed with expanding packers, should be provided with spacers or appropriate packing materials, or both prior to sealing the tube ends to provide proper confinement. Packing materials must be nonabsorbent and must maintain their properties to provide the same degree of sample support with time.

8.1.2 Depending on the requirements of the investigation, field extrusion and packaging of extruded soil samples can be performed. This allows for physical examination and classification of the sample. Samples are extruded in special hydraulic jacks equipped with properly sized platens to extrude the core in a continuous smooth speed. In some cases, further extrusion may cause sample disturbance reducing suitability for testing of engineering properties. In other cases, if damage is not significant, cores can be extruded and preserved for testing (D 4220). Bent or damaged tubes should be cut off before extruding.

8.2 Prepare and immediately affix labels or apply markings as necessary to identify the sample (see Section 9). Assure that the markings or labels are adequate to survive transportation and storage.

NOTE 6—Top end of the tube should be labeled “top”.

9. Field Log

9.1 Record the information that may be required for preparing field logs in general accordance to ASTM D 5434 “Guide

for Field Logging of Subsurface Explorations of Soil and Rock”. This guide is used for logging explorations by drilling and sampling. Some examples of the information required include;

- 9.1.1 Name and location of the project,
- 9.1.2 Boring number,
- 9.1.3 Log of the soil conditions,
- 9.1.4 Surface elevation or reference to a datum to the nearest foot (0.5 m) or better,
- 9.1.5 Location of the boring,
- 9.1.6 Method of making the borehole,
- 9.1.7 Name of the drilling foreman and company, and
- 9.1.8 Name of the drilling inspector(s).
- 9.1.9 Date and time of boring-start and finish,
- 9.1.10 Depth to groundwater level: date and time measured,
- 9.2 Recording the appropriate sampling information is required as follows:

- 9.2.1 Depth to top of sample to the nearest 0.1 ft. (0.03 m) and number of sample,
- 9.2.2 Description of thin-walled tube sampler: size, type of metal, type of coating,
- 9.2.3 Method of sampler insertion: push or drive,
- 9.2.4 Method of drilling, size of hole, casing, and drilling fluid used,
- 9.2.5 Soil description in accordance with Practice D 2488,
- 9.2.6 Length of sampler advance (push), and
- 9.2.7 Recovery: length of sample obtained.

10. Keywords

10.1 geologic investigations; sampling; soil exploration; soil investigations; subsurface investigations; undisturbed

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

In accordance with committee D18 policy, this section identifies the location of changes to this standard since the last edition, 200, which may impact the use of this standard.

(1) Added parts of speech to terms.

(2) Corrected reference in Note 2 from D 5740 to D 3740.

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Logging of Soil Borings

I. Purpose and Scope

This SOP provides guidance to obtain accurate and consistent descriptions of soil characteristics during soil-sampling operations. The characterization is based on visual examination and manual tests, not on laboratory determinations.

II. Equipment and Materials

- Indelible pens
- Tape measure or ruler
- Field logbook
- Spatula
- HCL, 10 percent solution
- Squirt bottle with water
- Rock- or soil-color chart (e.g., Munsell)
- Grain-size chart
- Hand lens
- Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) index charts and tables to help with soil classification (attached)

III. Procedures and Guidelines

This section covers several aspects of soil characterization: instructions for completing the CH2M HILL soil boring log Form D1586 (attached), field classification of soil, and standard penetration test procedures.

A. Instructions for Completing Soil Boring Logs

Soil boring logs will be completed in the field log books or on separate soil boring log sheets. Information collected will be consistent with that required for Form D1586 (attached), a standard CH2M HILL form (attached), or an equivalent form that supplies the same information.

The information collected in the field to perform the soil characterization is described below.

Field personnel should review completed logs for accuracy, clarity, and thoroughness of detail. Samples also should be checked to see that information is correctly recorded on both jar lids and labels and on the log sheets.

B. Heading Information

Boring/Well Number. Enter the boring/well number. A numbering system should be chosen that does not conflict with information recorded for previous exploratory work done at the site. Number the sheets consecutively for each boring.

Location. If station, coordinates, mileposts, or similar project layout information is available, indicate the position of the boring to that system using modifiers such as "approximate" or "estimated" as appropriate.

Elevation. Elevation will be determined at the conclusion of field activities through a survey.

Drilling Contractor. Enter the name of the drilling company and the city and state where the company is based.

Drilling Method and Equipment. Identify the bit size and type, drilling fluid (if used), and method of drilling (e.g., rotary, hollow-stem auger). Information on the drilling equipment (e.g., CME 55, Mobile B61) also is noted.

Water Level and Date. Enter the depth below ground surface to the apparent water level in the borehole. The information should be recorded as a comment. If free water is not encountered during drilling or cannot be detected because of the drilling method, this information should be noted. Record date and time of day (for tides, river stage) of each water level measurement.

Date of Start and Finish. Enter the dates the boring was begun and completed. Time of day should be added if several borings are performed on the same day.

Logger. Enter the first and last name.

C. Technical Data

Depth Below Surface. Use a depth scale that is appropriate for the sample spacing and for the complexity of subsurface conditions.

Sample Interval. Note the depth at the top and bottom of the sample interval.

Sample Type and Number. Enter the sample type and number. SS-1 = split spoon, first sample. Number samples consecutively regardless of type. Enter a sample number even if no material was recovered in the sampler.

Sample Recovery. Enter the length to the nearest 0.1-foot of soil sample recovered from the sampler. Often, there will be some wash or caved material above the sample; do not include the wash material in the measurement. Record soil recovery in feet.

Standard Penetration Test Results. In this column, enter the number of blows required for each 6 inches of sampler penetration and the "N" value, which is the sum of the blows in the middle two 6-inch penetration intervals. A typical standard penetration test involving successive blow counts of 2, 3, 4, and 5 is recorded as 2-3-4-5 and (7). The standard penetration test is terminated if the sampler encounters refusal. Refusal is a penetration of less than 6 inches with a blow count of 50. A

partial penetration of 50 blows for 4 inches is recorded as 50/4 inches. Penetration by the weight of the slide hammer only is recorded as "WOH."

Samples should be collected using a 140-pound hammer and 2-inch diameter split spoons. Samples may be collected using direct push sampling equipment. However, blow counts will not be available. A pocket penetrometer may be used instead to determine relative soil density of fine grained materials (silts and clays).

Sample also may be collected using a 300-pound hammer or 3-inch-diameter split-spoon samples at the site. However, use of either of these sample collection devices invalidates standard penetration test results and should be noted in the comments section of the log. The 300-pound hammer should only be used for collection of 3-inch-diameter split-spoon samples. Blow counts should be recorded for collection of samples using either a 3-inch split-spoon, or a 300-pound hammer. An "N" value need not be calculated.

Soil Description. The soil classification should follow the format described in the "Field Classification of Soil" subsection below.

Comments. Include all pertinent observations (changes in drilling fluid color, rod drops, drilling chatter, rod bounce as in driving on a cobble, damaged Shelby tubes, and equipment malfunctions). In addition, note if casing was used, the sizes and depths installed, and if drilling fluid was added or changed. You should instruct the driller to alert you to any significant changes in drilling (changes in material, occurrence of boulders, and loss of drilling fluid). Such information should be attributed to the driller and recorded in this column.

Specific information might include the following:

- The date and the time drilling began and ended each day
- The depth and size of casing and the method of installation
- The date, time, and depth of water level measurements
- Depth of rod chatter
- Depth and percentage of drilling fluid loss
- Depth of hole caving or heaving
- Depth of change in material
- Health and safety monitoring data
- Drilling interval through a boulder

D. Field Classification of Soil

This section presents the format for the field classification of soil. In general, the approach and format for classifying soils should conform to ASTM D 2488, Visual-Manual Procedure for Description and Identification of Soils (attached).

The Unified Soil Classification System is based on numerical values of certain soil properties that are measured by laboratory tests. It is possible, however, to estimate these values in the field with reasonable accuracy using visual-manual procedures (ASTM D 2488). In addition, some elements of a complete soil

description, such as the presence of cobbles or boulders, changes in strata, and the relative proportions of soil types in a bedded deposit, can be obtained only in the field.

Soil descriptions should be precise and comprehensive without being verbose. The correct overall impression of the soil should not be distorted by excessive emphasis on insignificant details. In general, similarities rather than differences between consecutive samples should be stressed.

Soil descriptions must be recorded for every soil sample collected. The format and order for soil descriptions should be as follows:

1. Soil name (synonymous with ASTM D 2488 Group Name) with appropriate modifiers. Soil name should be in all capitals in the log, for example "POORLY-GRADED SAND."
2. Group symbol, in parentheses, for example, "(SP)."
3. Color, using Munsell color designation
4. Moisture content
5. Relative density or consistency
6. Soil structure, mineralogy, or other descriptors

This order follows, in general, the format described in ASTM D 2488.

E. Soil Name

The basic name of a soil should be the ASTM D 2488 Group Name on the basis of visual estimates of gradation and plasticity. The soil name should be capitalized.

Examples of acceptable soil names are illustrated by the following descriptions:

- A soil sample is visually estimated to contain 15 percent gravel, 55 percent sand, and 30 percent fines (passing No. 200 sieve). The fines are estimated as either low or highly plastic silt. This visual classification is SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL, with a Group Symbol of (SM).
- Another soil sample has the following visual estimate: 10 percent gravel, 30 percent sand, and 60 percent fines (passing the No. 200 sieve). The fines are estimated as low plastic silt. This visual classification is SANDY SILT. The gravel portion is not included in the soil name because the gravel portion was estimated as less than 15 percent. The Group Symbol is (ML).

The gradation of coarse-grained soil (more than 50 percent retained on No. 200 sieve) is included in the specific soil name in accordance with ASTM D 2488. There is no need to further document the gradation. However, the maximum size and angularity or roundness of gravel and sand-sized particles should be recorded. For fine-grained soil (50 percent or more passing the No. 200 sieve), the name is modified by the appropriate plasticity/elasticity term in accordance with ASTM D 2488.

Interlayered soil should each be described starting with the predominant type. An introductory name, such as “Interlayered Sand and Silt,” should be used. In addition, the relative proportion of each soil type should be indicated (see Table 1 for example).

Where helpful, the evaluation of plasticity/elasticity can be justified by describing results from any of the visual-manual procedures for identifying fine-grained soils, such as reaction to shaking, toughness of a soil thread, or dry strength as described in ASTM D 2488.

F. Group Symbol

The appropriate group symbol from ASTM D 2488 must be given after each soil name. The group symbol should be placed in parentheses to indicate that the classification has been estimated.

In accordance with ASTM D 2488, dual symbols (e.g., GP-GM or SW-SC) can be used to indicate that a soil is estimated to have about 10 percent fines. Borderline symbols (e.g., GM/SM or SW/SP) can be used to indicate that a soil sample has been identified as having properties that do not distinctly place the soil into a specific group. Generally, the group name assigned to a soil with a borderline symbol should be the group name for the first symbol. The use of a borderline symbol should not be used indiscriminately. Every effort should be made to first place the soil into a single group.

G. Color

The color of a soil must be given. The color description should be based on the Munsell system. The color name and the hue, value, and chroma should be given.

H. Moisture Content

The degree of moisture present in a soil sample should be defined as dry, moist, or wet. Moisture content can be estimated from the criteria listed on Table 2.

I. Relative Density or Consistency

Relative density of a coarse-grained (cohesionless) soil is based on N-values (ASTM D 1586 [attached]). If the presence of large gravel, disturbance of the sample, or non-standard sample collection makes determination of the in situ relative density or consistency difficult, then this item should be left out of the description and explained in the Comments column of the soil boring log.

Consistency of fine-grained (cohesive) soil is properly based on results of pocket penetrometer or torvane results. In the absence of this information, consistency can be estimated from N-values. Relationships for determining relative density or consistency of soil samples are given in Tables 3 and 4.

J. Soil Structure, Mineralogy, and Other Descriptors

Discontinuities and inclusions are important and should be described. Such features include joints or fissures, slickensides, bedding or laminations, veins, root holes, and wood debris.

Significant mineralogical information such as cementation, abundant mica, or unusual mineralogy should be described.

Other descriptors may include particle size range or percentages, particle angularity or shape, maximum particle size, hardness of large particles, plasticity of fines, dry strength, dilatancy, toughness, reaction to HCl, and staining, as well as other information such as organic debris, odor, or presence of free product.

K. Equipment and Calibration

Before starting the testing, the equipment should be inspected for compliance with the requirements of ASTM D 1586. The split-barrel sampler should measure 2-inch or 3-inch O.D., and should have a split tube at least 18 inches long. The minimum size sampler rod allowed is "A" rod (1-5/8-inch O.D.). A stiffer rod, such as an "N" rod (2-5/8-inch O.D.), is required for depths greater than 50 feet. The drive weight assembly should consist of a 140-pound or 300-pound hammer weight, a drive head, and a hammer guide that permits a free fall of 30 inches.

IV. Attachments

Soil Boring Log (Sample Soil Boring Log.xls)

CH2M HILL Form D1586 and a completed example (Soil_Log_Examp.pdf)

ASTM D 2488 *Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedures)* (ASTM D2488.pdf)

ASTM 1586 *Standard Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils* (ASTM D1586.pdf)

Tables 1 through 4 (Tables 1-4.pdf)

V. Key Checks and Preventive Maintenance

- Check entries to the soil-boring log and field logbook in the field; because the samples will be disposed of at the end of fieldwork, confirmation and corrections cannot be made later.
- Check that sample numbers and intervals are properly specified.
- Check that drilling and sampling equipment is decontaminated using the procedures defined in *SOP Decontamination of Drilling Rigs and Equipment*.



PROJECT NUMBER <u>DEN 22371.G5</u>	BORING NUMBER <u>BL-3</u>	SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>3</u>
SOIL BORING LOG		

PROJECT Howard Ave Landslide LOCATION Howard & 24th Ave, Centennial, CO
ELEVATION 513 1/2 Feet DRILLING CONTRACTOR Kendall Explorations, Ashcan, Colorado
DRILLING METHOD AND EQUIPMENT 4"-inch H.S. Augers, Mobil B-61 rotary drill rig
WATER LEVELS 3.2 Feet, 8/5/89 START August 4, 1989 FINISH August 8, 1989 LOGGER J.A. Michner

DEPTH BELOW SURFACE (FT)	SAMPLE			STANDARD PENETRATION TEST RESULTS 6"-6'-6" (N)	SOIL DESCRIPTION SOIL NAME, USCS GROUP SYMBOL, COLOR, MOISTURE CONTENT, RELATIVE DENSITY OR CONSISTENCY, SOIL STRUCTURE, MINERALOGY	COMMENTS DEPTH OF CASING, DRILLING RATE, DRILLING FLUID LOSS, TESTS AND INSTRUMENTATION
	INTERVAL	NUMBER AND TYPE	RECOVERY (FT)			
0					Surface material consist of 4 inches AC underlain by 6 inches of 3/4 inch minus base rock	Start Drilling @ 3:00
2.5						
4.0	1-5	1.5	2-3-4 (7)		POORLY-GRADED SAND WITH SILT, (SP-SM), fine, light brown, wet, loose	Driller notes water at 4 feet
5.0						Driller notes very soft drilling 4 ft. dark grey, wet silty cuttings.
6.5	2-5	0.9	WOH/12"-1		ORGANIC SILT, (OL), very dark, gray to black, wet, very soft; strong H ₂ S odor; many fine roots up to about 1/4 inch	
8.0						
10.0	3-ST	1.3			ORGANIC SILT, similar to 2-5, except includes fewer roots (by volume)	
11.5	4-5	1.3	2-2-2 (4)		SILT, (ML), very dark gray to black, wet, soft	
15.0						water level @ 3.2 feet on 8/5/89 @ 0730
15.5	5-5	0.5	60/6"		SILTY GRAVEL, (GM), rounded gravel up to about 1 inch maximum observed size, wet, very dense	Driller notes rough drilling action and chatter @ 13 ft
20.0						
21.0	6-5	1.0	12-50/6"		LEAN CLAY WITH SAND, (CL), medium to light green, moist, very stiff	Driller notes smoother, firm drilling @ 19 ft
23.0						some angular rock chips @ bot tip of 6-5, poss boulders or rock
23.1	7-5	0	50/1"		NO RECOVERY	Driller notes very hard, slow grinding, smooth drilling action from 21 to 23 ft, possibly bedrock
					END SOIL BORING @ 23.1 FEET SEE ROCK CORE LOG FOR CONTINUATION OF BL-3	

Figure 2
EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED LOG FORM

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EXAMPLE

0715 ARRIVE ON SITE AT XYZ SITE.
CH2M HILL STAFF:
John Smith: FIELD TEAM LEADER
Bob Builder: SITE SAFETY COORD.
WEATHER: OVERCAST + COOL, 45°F
CHANCE OF LATE SHOWERS
SCOPE: • COLLECT GROUNDWATER
SAMPLES FOR LTM WORK AT SITE 14
• SUPERVISE SURVEY CREW
AT SITE 17

0725 BB ~~Calibrates~~ JS Calibrates
PID: 101 ppm/100 ppm OK
PID Model #, SERIAL #

0730 BB Calibrates HORIBA METER
Model #, SERIAL #
→ List calibration RESULTS

0738 SURVEY CREW ARRIVES ON SITE
→ List NAMES

0745 BB Holds H+S TALK on Slips,
Trips, Falls, Ticks + Air Monitoring
JS + SURVEY CREW ATTEND
No H+S ISSUES IDENTIFIED as
CONCERNS. All work is in "Level D."

0755 JS conducts site-WIDE Air Monitoring
All readings = 0.0 ppm in

JS
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EXAMPLE

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SITE 14 LTM
Breathing Zone (BZ)

0805 Mobilize to well MW-22 to
SAMPLE, surveyors setting up
AT SITE 17

0815 PM (PAUL PAPER PUSHER) CALLS AND
INFORMS JS to collect GWO SAMPLE
AT well MW-44 today for 24 hr
TAT ANALYSIS OF VOC'S

0820 Purging MW-22
→ RECORD WATER QUALITY DATA JS
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0843 Collect SAMPLE AT MW-22 for
total TAT Metals AND VOC'S. No
Dissolved Metals Needed per PM

0905 JS + BB Mobilize to site 17 to
show surveyors wells to survey.

0942 Mobilize to well MW-22 to
collect SAMPLE...

0950 CAN NOT ACCESS well MW-22
due to BASE OPERATIONS; CONTACT
PAUL PAPER PUSHER AND HE STATED
HE WILL CHECK ON GAINING ACCESS
WITH BASE CONTACT.

0955 Mobilize to well MW-19

JS
5-12-03



Standard Practice for Description and Identification of Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation D 2488; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ε) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. Scope *

1.1 This practice covers procedures for the description of soils for engineering purposes.

1.2 This practice also describes a procedure for identifying soils, at the option of the user, based on the classification system described in Test Method D 2487. The identification is based on visual examination and manual tests. It must be clearly stated in reporting an identification that it is based on visual-manual procedures.

1.2.1 When precise classification of soils for engineering purposes is required, the procedures prescribed in Test Method D 2487 shall be used.

1.2.2 In this practice, the identification portion assigning a group symbol and name is limited to soil particles smaller than 3 in. (75 mm).

1.2.3 The identification portion of this practice is limited to naturally occurring soils (disturbed and undisturbed).

NOTE 1—This practice may be used as a descriptive system applied to such materials as shale, claystone, shells, crushed rock, etc. (see Appendix X2).

1.3 The descriptive information in this practice may be used with other soil classification systems or for materials other than naturally occurring soils.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use. For specific precautionary statements see Section 8.*

1.6 *This practice offers a set of instructions for performing one or more specific operations. This document cannot replace education or experience and should be used in conjunction with professional judgment. Not all aspects of this practice may be applicable in all circumstances. This ASTM standard is not intended to represent or replace the standard of care by which*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids²

D 1452 Practice for Soil Investigation and Sampling by Auger Borings²

D 1586 Test Method for Penetration Test and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils²

D 1587 Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils²

D 2113 Practice for Diamond Core Drilling for Site Investigation²

D 2487 Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)²

D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction³

D 4083 Practice for Description of Frozen Soils (Visual-Manual Procedure)²

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Except as listed below, all definitions are in accordance with Terminology D 653.

NOTE 2—For particles retained on a 3-in. (75-mm) US standard sieve, the following definitions are suggested:

Cobbles—particles of rock that will pass a 12-in. (300-mm) square opening and be retained on a 3-in. (75-mm) sieve, and

Boulders—particles of rock that will not pass a 12-in. (300-mm) square opening.

3.1.1 *clay*—soil passing a No. 200 (75-μm) sieve that can be made to exhibit plasticity (putty-like properties) within a range of water contents, and that exhibits considerable strength when air-dry. For classification, a clay is a fine-grained soil, or the fine-grained portion of a soil, with a plasticity index equal to or greater than 4, and the plot of plasticity index versus liquid

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.08.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.09.

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limit falls on or above the "A" line (see Fig. 3 of Test Method D 2487).

3.1.2 *gravel*—particles of rock that will pass a 3-in. (75-mm) sieve and be retained on a No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve with the following subdivisions:

coarse—passes a 3-in. (75-mm) sieve and is retained on a ¾-in. (19-mm) sieve.

fine—passes a ¾-in. (19-mm) sieve and is retained on a No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve.

3.1.3 *organic clay*—a clay with sufficient organic content to influence the soil properties. For classification, an organic clay is a soil that would be classified as a clay, except that its liquid limit value after oven drying is less than 75 % of its liquid limit value before oven drying.

3.1.4 *organic silt*—a silt with sufficient organic content to influence the soil properties. For classification, an organic silt is a soil that would be classified as a silt except that its liquid limit value after oven drying is less than 75 % of its liquid limit value before oven drying.

3.1.5 *peat*—a soil composed primarily of vegetable tissue in various stages of decomposition usually with an organic odor, a dark brown to black color, a spongy consistency, and a texture ranging from fibrous to amorphous.

3.1.6 *sand*—particles of rock that will pass a No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve and be retained on a No. 200 (75-µm) sieve with the following subdivisions:

coarse—passes a No. 4 (4.75-mm) sieve and is retained on a No. 10 (2.00-mm) sieve.

medium—passes a No. 10 (2.00-mm) sieve and is retained on a No. 40 (425-µm) sieve.

fine—passes a No. 40 (425-µm) sieve and is retained on a No. 200 (75-µm) sieve.

3.1.7 *silt*—soil passing a No. 200 (75-µm) sieve that is nonplastic or very slightly plastic and that exhibits little or no strength when air dry. For classification, a silt is a fine-grained soil, or the fine-grained portion of a soil, with a plasticity index less than 4, or the plot of plasticity index versus liquid limit falls below the "A" line (see Fig. 3 of Test Method D 2487).

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 Using visual examination and simple manual tests, this practice gives standardized criteria and procedures for describing and identifying soils.

4.2 The soil can be given an identification by assigning a group symbol(s) and name. The flow charts, Fig. 1a and Fig. 1b for fine-grained soils, and Fig. 2, for coarse-grained soils, can be used to assign the appropriate group symbol(s) and name. If the soil has properties which do not distinctly place it into a specific group, borderline symbols may be used, see Appendix X3.

NOTE 3—It is suggested that a distinction be made between *dual symbols* and *borderline symbols*.

Dual Symbol—A dual symbol is two symbols separated by a hyphen, for example, GP-GM, SW-SC, CL-ML used to indicate that the soil has been identified as having the properties of a classification in accordance with Test Method D 2487 where two symbols are required. Two symbols are required when the soil has between 5 and 12 % fines or when the liquid limit and plasticity index values plot in the CL-ML area of the plasticity chart.

Borderline Symbol—A borderline symbol is two symbols separated by a slash, for example, CL/CH, GM/SM, CL/ML. A borderline symbol should be used to indicate that the soil has been identified as having properties that do not distinctly place the soil into a specific group (see Appendix X3).

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The descriptive information required in this practice can be used to describe a soil to aid in the evaluation of its significant properties for engineering use.

5.2 The descriptive information required in this practice should be used to supplement the classification of a soil as determined by Test Method D 2487.

5.3 This practice may be used in identifying soils using the classification group symbols and names as prescribed in Test Method D 2487. Since the names and symbols used in this practice to identify the soils are the same as those used in Test Method D 2487, it shall be clearly stated in reports and all other appropriate documents, that the classification symbol and name are based on visual-manual procedures.

5.4 This practice is to be used not only for identification of soils in the field, but also in the office, laboratory, or wherever soil samples are inspected and described.

5.5 This practice has particular value in grouping similar soil samples so that only a minimum number of laboratory tests need be run for positive soil classification.

NOTE 4—The ability to describe and identify soils correctly is learned more readily under the guidance of experienced personnel, but it may also be acquired systematically by comparing numerical laboratory test results for typical soils of each type with their visual and manual characteristics.

5.6 When describing and identifying soil samples from a given boring, test pit, or group of borings or pits, it is not necessary to follow all of the procedures in this practice for every sample. Soils which appear to be similar can be grouped together; one sample completely described and identified with the others referred to as similar based on performing only a few of the descriptive and identification procedures described in this practice.

5.7 This practice may be used in combination with Practice D 4083 when working with frozen soils.

NOTE 5—Notwithstanding the statements on precision and bias contained in this standard: The precision of this test method is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D 3740 are generally considered capable of competent and objective testing. Users of this test method are cautioned that compliance with Practice D 3740 does not in itself assure reliable testing. Reliable testing depends on several factors; Practice D 3740 provides a means for evaluating some of those factors.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Required Apparatus:*

6.1.1 *Pocket Knife or Small Spatula.*

6.2 *Useful Auxiliary Apparatus:*

6.2.1 *Small Test Tube and Stopper* (or jar with a lid).

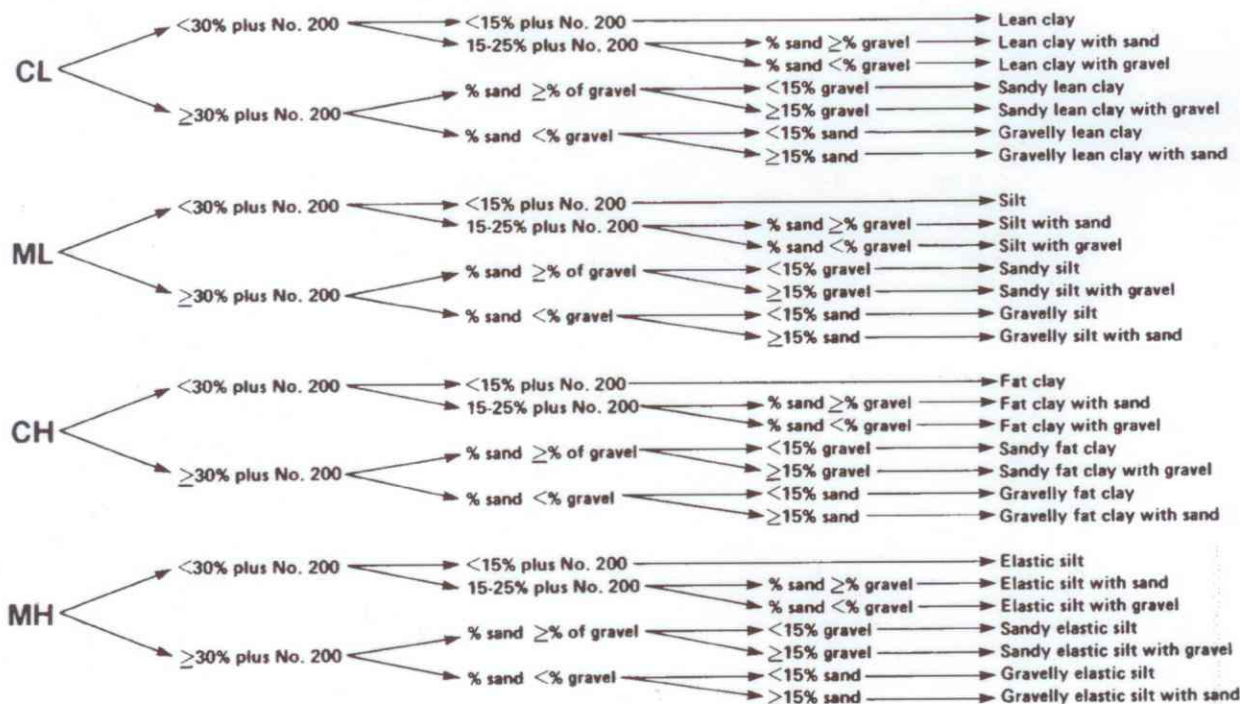
6.2.2 *Small Hand Lens.*

7. Reagents

7.1 *Purity of Water*—Unless otherwise indicated, references to water shall be understood to mean water from a city water

GROUP SYMBOL

GROUP NAME

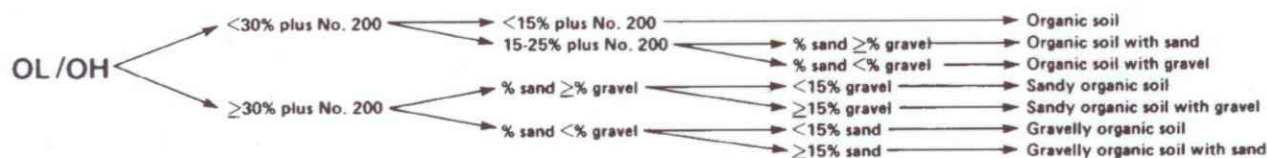


NOTE 1—Percentages are based on estimating amounts of fines, sand, and gravel to the nearest 5 %.

FIG. 1a Flow Chart for Identifying Inorganic Fine-Grained Soil (50 % or more fines)

GROUP SYMBOL

GROUP NAME



NOTE 1—Percentages are based on estimating amounts of fines, sand, and gravel to the nearest 5 %.

FIG. 1 b Flow Chart for Identifying Organic Fine-Grained Soil (50 % or more fines)

supply or natural source, including non-potable water.

7.2 *Hydrochloric Acid*—A small bottle of dilute hydrochloric acid, HCl, one part HCl (10 N) to three parts water (This reagent is optional for use with this practice). See Section 8.

8. Safety Precautions

8.1 When preparing the dilute HCl solution of one part concentrated hydrochloric acid (10 N) to three parts of distilled water, slowly add acid into water following necessary safety precautions. Handle with caution and store safely. If solution comes into contact with the skin, rinse thoroughly with water.

8.2 **Caution**—Do not add water to acid.

9. Sampling

9.1 The sample shall be considered to be representative of the stratum from which it was obtained by an appropriate, accepted, or standard procedure.

NOTE 6—Preferably, the sampling procedure should be identified as

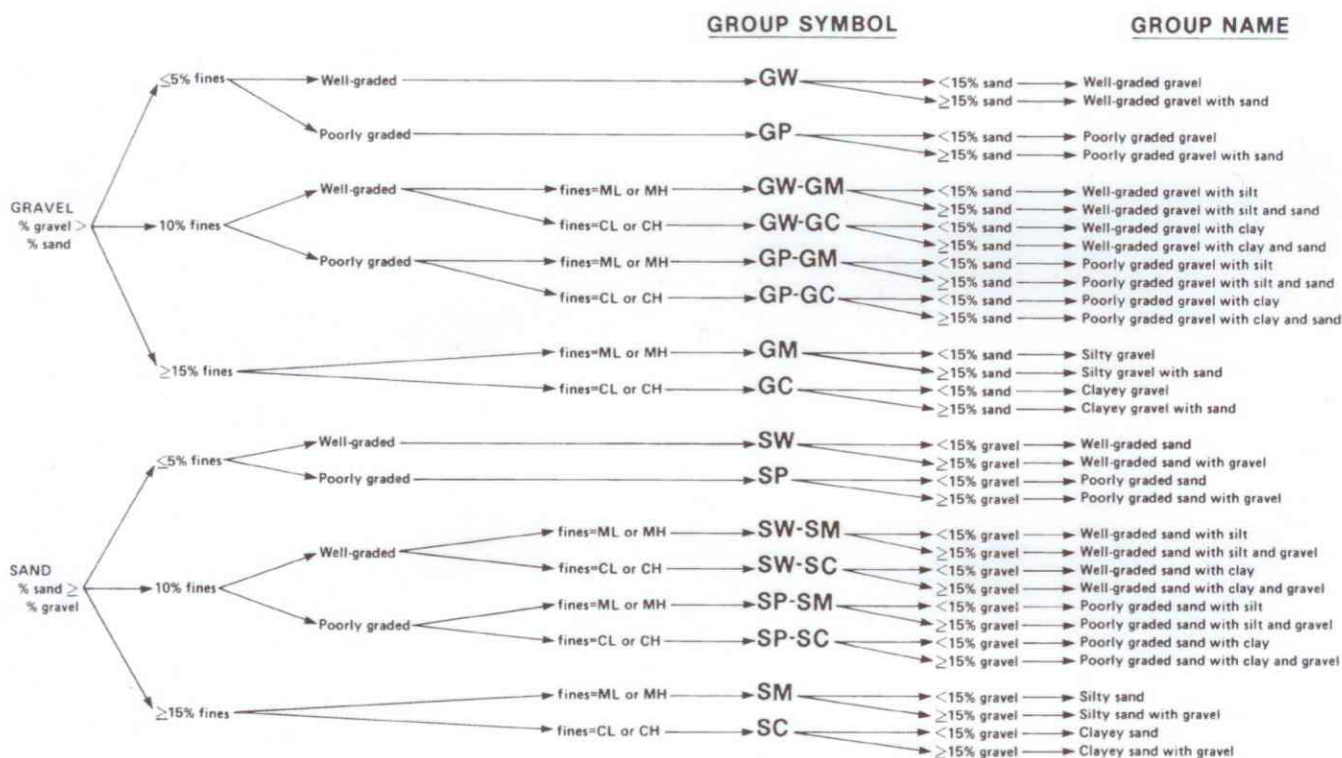
having been conducted in accordance with Practices D 1452, D 1587, or D 2113, or Test Method D 1586.

9.2 The sample shall be carefully identified as to origin.

NOTE 7—Remarks as to the origin may take the form of a boring number and sample number in conjunction with a job number, a geologic stratum, a pedologic horizon or a location description with respect to a permanent monument, a grid system or a station number and offset with respect to a stated centerline and a depth or elevation.

9.3 For accurate description and identification, the minimum amount of the specimen to be examined shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Maximum Particle Size, Sieve Opening	Minimum Specimen Size, Dry Weight
4.75 mm (No. 4)	100 g (0.25 lb)
9.5 mm (¾ in.)	200 g (0.5 lb)
19.0 mm (¾ in.)	1.0 kg (2.2 lb)
38.1 mm (1½ in.)	8.0 kg (18 lb)
75.0 mm (3 in.)	60.0 kg (132 lb)



NOTE 1—Percentages are based on estimating amounts of fines, sand, and gravel to the nearest 5 %.

FIG. 2 Flow Chart for Identifying Coarse-Grained Soils (less than 50 % fines)

NOTE 8—If random isolated particles are encountered that are significantly larger than the particles in the soil matrix, the soil matrix can be accurately described and identified in accordance with the preceding schedule.

9.4 If the field sample or specimen being examined is smaller than the minimum recommended amount, the report shall include an appropriate remark.

10. Descriptive Information for Soils

10.1 *Angularity*—Describe the angularity of the sand (coarse sizes only), gravel, cobbles, and boulders, as angular, subangular, subrounded, or rounded in accordance with the criteria in Table 1 and Fig. 3. A range of angularity may be stated, such as: subrounded to rounded.

10.2 *Shape*—Describe the shape of the gravel, cobbles, and boulders as flat, elongated, or flat and elongated if they meet the criteria in Table 2 and Fig. 4. Otherwise, do not mention the shape. Indicate the fraction of the particles that have the shape, such as: one-third of the gravel particles are flat.

TABLE 1 Criteria for Describing Angularity of Coarse-Grained Particles (see Fig. 3)

Description	Criteria
Angular	Particles have sharp edges and relatively plane sides with unpolished surfaces
Subangular	Particles are similar to angular description but have rounded edges
Subrounded	Particles have nearly plane sides but have well-rounded corners and edges
Rounded	Particles have smoothly curved sides and no edges

10.3 *Color*—Describe the color. Color is an important property in identifying organic soils, and within a given locality it may also be useful in identifying materials of similar geologic origin. If the sample contains layers or patches of varying colors, this shall be noted and all representative colors shall be described. The color shall be described for moist samples. If the color represents a dry condition, this shall be stated in the report.

10.4 *Odor*—Describe the odor if organic or unusual. Soils containing a significant amount of organic material usually have a distinctive odor of decaying vegetation. This is especially apparent in fresh samples, but if the samples are dried, the odor may often be revived by heating a moistened sample. If the odor is unusual (petroleum product, chemical, and the like), it shall be described.

10.5 *Moisture Condition*—Describe the moisture condition as dry, moist, or wet, in accordance with the criteria in Table 3.

10.6 *HCl Reaction*—Describe the reaction with HCl as none, weak, or strong, in accordance with the criteria in Table 4. Since calcium carbonate is a common cementing agent, a report of its presence on the basis of the reaction with dilute hydrochloric acid is important.

10.7 *Consistency*—For intact fine-grained soil, describe the consistency as very soft, soft, firm, hard, or very hard, in accordance with the criteria in Table 5. This observation is inappropriate for soils with significant amounts of gravel.

10.8 *Cementation*—Describe the cementation of intact coarse-grained soils as weak, moderate, or strong, in accordance with the criteria in Table 6.

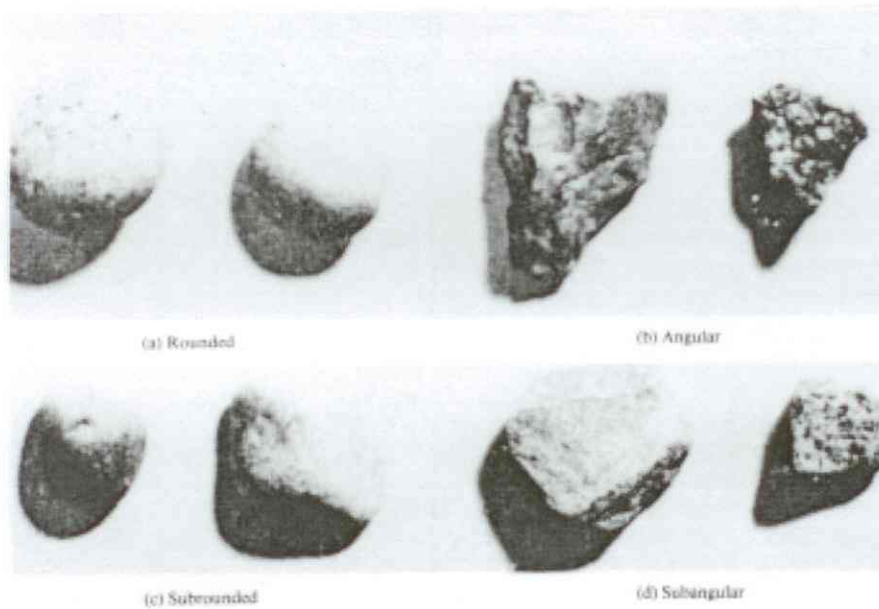


FIG. 3 Typical Angularity of Bulky Grains

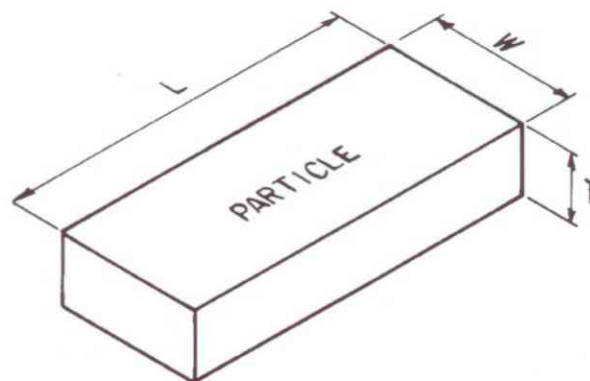
TABLE 2 Criteria for Describing Particle Shape (see Fig. 4)

The particle shape shall be described as follows where length, width, and thickness refer to the greatest, intermediate, and least dimensions of a particle, respectively.

Flat	Particles with width/thickness > 3
Elongated	Particles with length/width > 3
Flat and elongated	Particles meet criteria for both flat and elongated

PARTICLE SHAPE

W = WIDTH
T = THICKNESS
L = LENGTH



FLAT: $W/T > 3$
ELONGATED: $L/W > 3$
FLAT AND ELONGATED:
—meets both criteria

FIG. 4 Criteria for Particle Shape

10.9 *Structure*—Describe the structure of intact soils in accordance with the criteria in Table 7.

10.10 *Range of Particle Sizes*—For gravel and sand components, describe the range of particle sizes within each component as defined in 3.1.2 and 3.1.6. For example, about 20 % fine to coarse gravel, about 40 % fine to coarse sand.

10.11 *Maximum Particle Size*—Describe the maximum particle size found in the sample in accordance with the following information:

10.11.1 *Sand Size*—If the maximum particle size is a sand size, describe as fine, medium, or coarse as defined in 3.1.6. For example: maximum particle size, medium sand.

10.11.2 *Gravel Size*—If the maximum particle size is a gravel size, describe the maximum particle size as the smallest sieve opening that the particle will pass. For example, maximum particle size, 1½ in. (will pass a 1½-in. square opening but not a ¾-in. square opening).

10.11.3 *Cobble or Boulder Size*—If the maximum particle size is a cobble or boulder size, describe the maximum dimension of the largest particle. For example: maximum dimension, 18 in. (450 mm).

10.12 *Hardness*—Describe the hardness of coarse sand and larger particles as hard, or state what happens when the particles are hit by a hammer, for example, gravel-size particles fracture with considerable hammer blow, some gravel-size particles crumble with hammer blow. “Hard” means particles do not crack, fracture, or crumble under a hammer blow.

10.13 Additional comments shall be noted, such as the presence of roots or root holes, difficulty in drilling or augering

TABLE 3 Criteria for Describing Moisture Condition

Description	Criteria
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, usually soil is below water table

TABLE 4 Criteria for Describing the Reaction With HCl

Description	Criteria
None	No visible reaction
Weak	Some reaction, with bubbles forming slowly
Strong	Violent reaction, with bubbles forming immediately

TABLE 5 Criteria for Describing Dilatancy

Description	Criteria
Very soft	Thumb will penetrate soil more than 1 in. (25 mm)
Soft	Thumb will penetrate soil about 1 in. (25 mm)
Firm	Thumb will indent soil about 1/4 in. (6 mm)
Hard	Thumb will not indent soil but readily indented with thumbnail
Very hard	Thumbnail will not indent soil

TABLE 6 Criteria for Describing Toughness

Description	Criteria
Weak	Crumbles or breaks with handling or little finger pressure
Moderate	Crumbles or breaks with considerable finger pressure
Strong	Will not crumble or break with finger pressure

TABLE 7 Criteria for Describing Dilatancy

Description	Criteria
Stratified	Alternating layers of varying material or color with layers at least 6 mm thick; note thickness
Laminated	Alternating layers of varying material or color with the layers less than 6 mm thick; note thickness
Fissured	Breaks along definite planes of fracture with little resistance to fracturing
Slickensided	Fracture planes appear polished or glossy, sometimes striated
Blocky	Cohesive soil that can be broken down into small angular lumps which resist further breakdown
Lensed	Inclusion of small pockets of different soils, such as small lenses of sand scattered through a mass of clay; note thickness
Homogeneous	Same color and appearance throughout

hole, caving of trench or hole, or the presence of mica.

10.14 A local or commercial name or a geologic interpretation of the soil, or both, may be added if identified as such.

10.15 A classification or identification of the soil in accordance with other classification systems may be added if identified as such.

11. Identification of Peat

11.1 A sample composed primarily of vegetable tissue in various stages of decomposition that has a fibrous to amorphous texture, usually a dark brown to black color, and an organic odor, shall be designated as a highly organic soil and shall be identified as peat, PT, and not subjected to the identification procedures described hereafter.

12. Preparation for Identification

12.1 The soil identification portion of this practice is based

on the portion of the soil sample that will pass a 3-in. (75-mm) sieve. The larger than 3-in. (75-mm) particles must be removed, manually, for a loose sample, or mentally, for an intact sample before classifying the soil.

12.2 Estimate and note the percentage of cobbles and the percentage of boulders. Performed visually, these estimates will be on the basis of volume percentage.

NOTE 9—Since the percentages of the particle-size distribution in Test Method D 2487 are by dry weight, and the estimates of percentages for gravel, sand, and fines in this practice are by dry weight, it is recommended that the report state that the percentages of cobbles and boulders are by volume.

12.3 Of the fraction of the soil smaller than 3 in. (75 mm), estimate and note the percentage, by dry weight, of the gravel, sand, and fines (see Appendix X4 for suggested procedures).

NOTE 10—Since the particle-size components appear visually on the basis of volume, considerable experience is required to estimate the percentages on the basis of dry weight. Frequent comparisons with laboratory particle-size analyses should be made.

12.3.1 The percentages shall be estimated to the closest 5 %. The percentages of gravel, sand, and fines must add up to 100 %.

12.3.2 If one of the components is present but not in sufficient quantity to be considered 5 % of the smaller than 3-in. (75-mm) portion, indicate its presence by the term *trace*, for example, trace of fines. A trace is not to be considered in the total of 100 % for the components.

13. Preliminary Identification

13.1 The soil is *fine grained* if it contains 50 % or more fines. Follow the procedures for identifying fine-grained soils of Section 14.

13.2 The soil is *coarse grained* if it contains less than 50 % fines. Follow the procedures for identifying coarse-grained soils of Section 15.

14. Procedure for Identifying Fine-Grained Soils

14.1 Select a representative sample of the material for examination. Remove particles larger than the No. 40 sieve (medium sand and larger) until a specimen equivalent to about a handful of material is available. Use this specimen for performing the dry strength, dilatancy, and toughness tests.

14.2 Dry Strength:

14.2.1 From the specimen, select enough material to mold into a ball about 1 in. (25 mm) in diameter. Mold the material until it has the consistency of putty, adding water if necessary.

14.2.2 From the molded material, make at least three test specimens. A test specimen shall be a ball of material about 1/2 in. (12 mm) in diameter. Allow the test specimens to dry in air, or sun, or by artificial means, as long as the temperature does not exceed 60°C.

14.2.3 If the test specimen contains natural dry lumps, those that are about 1/2 in. (12 mm) in diameter may be used in place of the molded balls.

NOTE 11—The process of molding and drying usually produces higher strengths than are found in natural dry lumps of soil.

14.2.4 Test the strength of the dry balls or lumps by crushing between the fingers. Note the strength as none, low,

medium, high, or very high in accordance with the criteria in Table 8. If natural dry lumps are used, do not use the results of any of the lumps that are found to contain particles of coarse sand.

14.2.5 The presence of high-strength water-soluble cementing materials, such as calcium carbonate, may cause exceptionally high dry strengths. The presence of calcium carbonate can usually be detected from the intensity of the reaction with dilute hydrochloric acid (see 10.6).

14.3 Dilatancy:

14.3.1 From the specimen, select enough material to mold into a ball about 1/2 in. (12 mm) in diameter. Mold the material, adding water if necessary, until it has a soft, but not sticky, consistency.

14.3.2 Smooth the soil ball in the palm of one hand with the blade of a knife or small spatula. Shake horizontally, striking the side of the hand vigorously against the other hand several times. Note the reaction of water appearing on the surface of the soil. Squeeze the sample by closing the hand or pinching the soil between the fingers, and note the reaction as none, slow, or rapid in accordance with the criteria in Table 9. The reaction is the speed with which water appears while shaking, and disappears while squeezing.

14.4 Toughness:

14.4.1 Following the completion of the dilatancy test, the test specimen is shaped into an elongated pat and rolled by hand on a smooth surface or between the palms into a thread about 1/8 in. (3 mm) in diameter. (If the sample is too wet to roll easily, it should be spread into a thin layer and allowed to lose some water by evaporation.) Fold the sample threads and reroll repeatedly until the thread crumbles at a diameter of about 1/8 in. The thread will crumble at a diameter of 1/8 in. when the soil is near the plastic limit. Note the pressure required to roll the thread near the plastic limit. Also, note the strength of the thread. After the thread crumbles, the pieces should be lumped together and kneaded until the lump crumbles. Note the toughness of the material during kneading.

14.4.2 Describe the toughness of the thread and lump as low, medium, or high in accordance with the criteria in Table 10.

14.5 Plasticity—On the basis of observations made during the toughness test, describe the plasticity of the material in accordance with the criteria given in Table 11.

14.6 Decide whether the soil is an *inorganic* or an *organic* fine-grained soil (see 14.8). If inorganic, follow the steps given in 14.7.

TABLE 8 Criteria for Describing Toughness

Description	Criteria
None	The dry specimen crumbles into powder with mere pressure of handling
Low	The dry specimen crumbles into powder with some finger pressure
Medium	The dry specimen breaks into pieces or crumbles with considerable finger pressure
High	The dry specimen cannot be broken with finger pressure. Specimen will break into pieces between thumb and a hard surface
Very high	The dry specimen cannot be broken between the thumb and a hard surface

TABLE 9 Criteria for Describing Dilatancy

Description	Criteria
None	No visible change in the specimen
Slow	Water appears slowly on the surface of the specimen during shaking and does not disappear or disappears slowly upon squeezing
Rapid	Water appears quickly on the surface of the specimen during shaking and disappears quickly upon squeezing

TABLE 10 Criteria for Describing Toughness

Description	Criteria
Low	Only slight pressure is required to roll the thread near the plastic limit. The thread and the lump are weak and soft
Medium	Medium pressure is required to roll the thread to near the plastic limit. The thread and the lump have medium stiffness
High	Considerable pressure is required to roll the thread to near the plastic limit. The thread and the lump have very high stiffness

TABLE 11 Criteria for Describing Plasticity

Description	Criteria
Nonplastic	A 1/8-in. (3-mm) thread cannot be rolled at any water content
Low	The thread can barely be rolled and the lump cannot be formed when drier than the plastic limit
Medium	The thread is easy to roll and not much time is required to reach the plastic limit. The thread cannot be rerolled after reaching the plastic limit. The lump crumbles when drier than the plastic limit
High	It takes considerable time rolling and kneading to reach the plastic limit. The thread can be rerolled several times after reaching the plastic limit. The lump can be formed without crumbling when drier than the plastic limit

14.7 Identification of Inorganic Fine-Grained Soils:

14.7.1 Identify the soil as a *lean clay*, CL, if the soil has medium to high dry strength, no or slow dilatancy, and medium toughness and plasticity (see Table 12).

14.7.2 Identify the soil as a *fat clay*, CH, if the soil has high to very high dry strength, no dilatancy, and high toughness and plasticity (see Table 12).

14.7.3 Identify the soil as a *silt*, ML, if the soil has no to low dry strength, slow to rapid dilatancy, and low toughness and plasticity, or is nonplastic (see Table 12).

14.7.4 Identify the soil as an *elastic silt*, MH, if the soil has low to medium dry strength, no to slow dilatancy, and low to medium toughness and plasticity (see Table 12).

NOTE 12—These properties are similar to those for a lean clay. However, the silt will dry quickly on the hand and have a smooth, silky feel when dry. Some soils that would classify as MH in accordance with the criteria in Test Method D 2487 are visually difficult to distinguish from lean clays, CL. It may be necessary to perform laboratory testing for proper identification.

TABLE 12 Identification of Inorganic Fine-Grained Soils from Manual Tests

Soil Symbol	Dry Strength	Dilatancy	Toughness
ML	None to low	Slow to rapid	Low or thread cannot be formed
CL	Medium to high	None to slow	Medium
MH	Low to medium	None to slow	Low to medium
CH	High to very high	None	High

14.8 Identification of Organic Fine-Grained Soils:

14.8.1 Identify the soil as an *organic soil*, OL/OH, if the soil contains enough organic particles to influence the soil properties. Organic soils usually have a dark brown to black color and may have an organic odor. Often, organic soils will change color, for example, black to brown, when exposed to the air. Some organic soils will lighten in color significantly when air dried. Organic soils normally will not have a high toughness or plasticity. The thread for the toughness test will be spongy.

NOTE 13—In some cases, through practice and experience, it may be possible to further identify the organic soils as organic silts or organic clays, OL or OH. Correlations between the dilatancy, dry strength, toughness tests, and laboratory tests can be made to identify organic soils in certain deposits of similar materials of known geologic origin.

14.9 If the soil is estimated to have 15 to 25 % sand or gravel, or both, the words “with sand” or “with gravel” (whichever is more predominant) shall be added to the group name. For example: “lean clay with sand, CL” or “silt with gravel, ML” (see Fig. 1a and Fig. 1b). If the percentage of sand is equal to the percentage of gravel, use “with sand.”

14.10 If the soil is estimated to have 30 % or more sand or gravel, or both, the words “sandy” or “gravelly” shall be added to the group name. Add the word “sandy” if there appears to be more sand than gravel. Add the word “gravelly” if there appears to be more gravel than sand. For example: “sandy lean clay, CL”, “gravelly fat clay, CH”, or “sandy silt, ML” (see Fig. 1a and Fig. 1b). If the percentage of sand is equal to the percent of gravel, use “sandy.”

15. Procedure for Identifying Coarse-Grained Soils

(Contains less than 50 % fines)

15.1 The soil is a *gravel* if the percentage of gravel is estimated to be more than the percentage of sand.

15.2 The soil is a *sand* if the percentage of gravel is estimated to be equal to or less than the percentage of sand.

15.3 The soil is a *clean gravel* or *clean sand* if the percentage of fines is estimated to be 5 % or less.

15.3.1 Identify the soil as a *well-graded gravel*, GW, or as a *well-graded sand*, SW, if it has a wide range of particle sizes and substantial amounts of the intermediate particle sizes.

15.3.2 Identify the soil as a *poorly graded gravel*, GP, or as a *poorly graded sand*, SP, if it consists predominantly of one size (uniformly graded), or it has a wide range of sizes with some intermediate sizes obviously missing (gap or skip graded).

15.4 The soil is either a *gravel with fines* or a *sand with fines* if the percentage of fines is estimated to be 15 % or more.

15.4.1 Identify the soil as a *clayey gravel*, GC, or a *clayey sand*, SC, if the fines are clayey as determined by the procedures in Section 14.

15.4.2 Identify the soil as a *silty gravel*, GM, or a *silty sand*, SM, if the fines are silty as determined by the procedures in Section 14.

15.5 If the soil is estimated to contain 10 % fines, give the soil a dual identification using two group symbols.

15.5.1 The first group symbol shall correspond to a clean gravel or sand (GW, GP, SW, SP) and the second symbol shall correspond to a gravel or sand with fines (GC, GM, SC, SM).

15.5.2 The group name shall correspond to the first group

symbol plus the words “with clay” or “with silt” to indicate the plasticity characteristics of the fines. For example: “well-graded gravel with clay, GW-GC” or “poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SM” (see Fig. 2).

15.6 If the specimen is predominantly sand or gravel but contains an estimated 15 % or more of the other coarse-grained constituent, the words “with gravel” or “with sand” shall be added to the group name. For example: “poorly graded gravel with sand, GP” or “clayey sand with gravel, SC” (see Fig. 2).

15.7 If the field sample contains any cobbles or boulders, or both, the words “with cobbles” or “with cobbles and boulders” shall be added to the group name. For example: “silty gravel with cobbles, GM.”

16. Report

16.1 The report shall include the information as to origin, and the items indicated in Table 13.

NOTE 14—Example: *Clayey Gravel with Sand and Cobbles, GC*—About 50 % fine to coarse, subrounded to subangular gravel; about 30 % fine to coarse, subrounded sand; about 20 % fines with medium plasticity, high dry strength, no dilatancy, medium toughness; weak reaction with HCl; original field sample had about 5 % (by volume) subrounded cobbles, maximum dimension, 150 mm.

In-Place Conditions—Firm, homogeneous, dry, brown

Geologic Interpretation—Alluvial fan

NOTE 15—Other examples of soil descriptions and identification are given in Appendix X1 and Appendix X2.

NOTE 16—If desired, the percentages of gravel, sand, and fines may be stated in terms indicating a range of percentages, as follows:

Trace—Particles are present but estimated to be less than 5 %

Few—5 to 10 %

Little—15 to 25 %

Some—30 to 45 %

Mostly—50 to 100 %

TABLE 13 Checklist for Description of Soils

1. Group name	
2. Group symbol	
3. Percent of cobbles or boulders, or both (by volume)	
4. Percent of gravel, sand, or fines, or all three (by dry weight)	
5. Particle-size range:	Gravel—fine, coarse Sand—fine, medium, coarse
6. Particle angularity: angular, subangular, subrounded, rounded	
7. Particle shape: (if appropriate) flat, elongated, flat and elongated	
8. Maximum particle size or dimension	
9. Hardness of coarse sand and larger particles	
10. Plasticity of fines: nonplastic, low, medium, high	
11. Dry strength: none, low, medium, high, very high	
12. Dilatancy: none, slow, rapid	
13. Toughness: low, medium, high	
14. Color (in moist condition)	
15. Odor (mention only if organic or unusual)	
16. Moisture: dry, moist, wet	
17. Reaction with HCl: none, weak, strong	
For intact samples:	
18. Consistency (fine-grained soils only): very soft, soft, firm, hard, very hard	
19. Structure: stratified, laminated, fissured, slickensided, lensed, homogeneous	
20. Cementation: weak, moderate, strong	
21. Local name	
22. Geologic interpretation	
23. Additional comments: presence of roots or root holes, presence of mica, gypsum, etc., surface coatings on coarse-grained particles, caving or sloughing of auger hole or trench sides, difficulty in augering or excavating, etc.	

16.2 If, in the soil description, the soil is identified using a classification group symbol and name as described in Test Method D 2487, it must be distinctly and clearly stated in log forms, summary tables, reports, and the like, that the symbol and name are based on visual-manual procedures.

17. Precision and Bias

17.1 This practice provides qualitative information only,

therefore, a precision and bias statement is not applicable.

18. Keywords

18.1 classification; clay; gravel; organic soils; sand; silt; soil classification; soil description; visual classification

APPENDIXES

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. EXAMPLES OF VISUAL SOIL DESCRIPTIONS

X1.1 The following examples show how the information required in 16.1 can be reported. The information that is included in descriptions should be based on individual circumstances and need.

X1.1.1 *Well-Graded Gravel with Sand (GW)*—About 75 % fine to coarse, hard, subangular gravel; about 25 % fine to coarse, hard, subangular sand; trace of fines; maximum size, 75 mm, brown, dry; no reaction with HCl.

X1.1.2 *Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)*—About 60 % predominantly fine sand; about 25 % silty fines with low plasticity, low dry strength, rapid dilatancy, and low toughness; about 15 % fine, hard, subrounded gravel, a few gravel-size particles fractured with hammer blow; maximum size, 25 mm; no reaction with HCl (Note—Field sample size smaller than recommended).

In-Place Conditions—Firm, stratified and contains lenses of silt 1 to 2 in. (25 to 50 mm) thick, moist, brown to gray; in-place density 106 lb/ft³; in-place moisture 9 %.

X1.1.3 *Organic Soil (OL/OH)*—About 100 % fines with low plasticity, slow dilatancy, low dry strength, and low toughness; wet, dark brown, organic odor; weak reaction with HCl.

X1.1.4 *Silty Sand with Organic Fines (SM)*—About 75 % fine to coarse, hard, subangular reddish sand; about 25 % organic and silty dark brown nonplastic fines with no dry strength and slow dilatancy; wet; maximum size, coarse sand; weak reaction with HCl.

X1.1.5 *Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt, Sand, Cobbles and Boulders (GP-GM)*—About 75 % fine to coarse, hard, subrounded to subangular gravel; about 15 % fine, hard, subrounded to subangular sand; about 10 % silty nonplastic fines; moist, brown; no reaction with HCl; original field sample had about 5 % (by volume) hard, subrounded cobbles and a trace of hard, subrounded boulders, with a maximum dimension of 18 in. (450 mm).

X2. USING THE IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE AS A DESCRIPTIVE SYSTEM FOR SHALE, CLAYSTONE, SHELLS, SLAG, CRUSHED ROCK, AND THE LIKE

X2.1 The identification procedure may be used as a descriptive system applied to materials that exist in-situ as shale, claystone, sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, etc., but convert to soils after field or laboratory processing (crushing, slaking, and the like).

X2.2 Materials such as shells, crushed rock, slag, and the like, should be identified as such. However, the procedures used in this practice for describing the particle size and plasticity characteristics may be used in the description of the material. If desired, an identification using a group name and symbol according to this practice may be assigned to aid in describing the material.

X2.3 The group symbol(s) and group names should be placed in quotation marks or noted with some type of distinguishing symbol. See examples.

X2.4 Examples of how group names and symbols can be incorporated into a descriptive system for materials that are not

naturally occurring soils are as follows:

X2.4.1 *Shale Chunks*—Retrieved as 2 to 4-in. (50 to 100-mm) pieces of shale from power auger hole, dry, brown, no reaction with HCl. After slaking in water for 24 h, material identified as "Sandy Lean Clay (CL)"; about 60 % fines with medium plasticity, high dry strength, no dilatancy, and medium toughness; about 35 % fine to medium, hard sand; about 5 % gravel-size pieces of shale.

X2.4.2 *Crushed Sandstone*—Product of commercial crushing operation; "Poorly Graded Sand with Silt (SP-SM)"; about 90 % fine to medium sand; about 10 % nonplastic fines; dry, reddish-brown, strong reaction with HCl.

X2.4.3 *Broken Shells*—About 60 % gravel-size broken shells; about 30 % sand and sand-size shell pieces; about 10 % fines; "Poorly Graded Gravel with Sand (GP)."

X2.4.4 *Crushed Rock*—Processed from gravel and cobbles in Pit No. 7; "Poorly Graded Gravel (GP)"; about 90 % fine, hard, angular gravel-size particles; about 10 % coarse, hard,

angular sand-size particles; dry, tan; no reaction with HCl.

X3. SUGGESTED PROCEDURE FOR USING A BORDERLINE SYMBOL FOR SOILS WITH TWO POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATIONS.

X3.1 Since this practice is based on estimates of particle size distribution and plasticity characteristics, it may be difficult to clearly identify the soil as belonging to one category. To indicate that the soil may fall into one of two possible basic groups, a borderline symbol may be used with the two symbols separated by a slash. For example: SC/CL or CL/CH.

X3.1.1 A borderline symbol may be used when the percentage of fines is estimated to be between 45 and 55 %. One symbol should be for a coarse-grained soil with fines and the other for a fine-grained soil. For example: GM/ML or CL/SC.

X3.1.2 A borderline symbol may be used when the percentage of sand and the percentage of gravel are estimated to be about the same. For example: GP/SP, SC/GC, GM/SM. It is practically impossible to have a soil that would have a borderline symbol of GW/SW.

X3.1.3 A borderline symbol may be used when the soil could be either well graded or poorly graded. For example: GW/GP, SW/SP.

X3.1.4 A borderline symbol may be used when the soil could either be a silt or a clay. For example: CL/ML, CH/MH, SC/SM.

X3.1.5 A borderline symbol may be used when a fine-grained soil has properties that indicate that it is at the boundary between a soil of low compressibility and a soil of high compressibility. For example: CL/CH, MH/ML.

X3.2 The order of the borderline symbols should reflect similarity to surrounding or adjacent soils. For example: soils in a borrow area have been identified as CH. One sample is considered to have a borderline symbol of CL and CH. To show similarity, the borderline symbol should be CH/CL.

X3.3 The group name for a soil with a borderline symbol should be the group name for the first symbol, except for:

CL/CH lean to fat clay

ML/CL clayey silt

CL/ML silty clay

X3.4 The use of a borderline symbol should not be used indiscriminately. Every effort shall be made to first place the soil into a single group.

X4. SUGGESTED PROCEDURES FOR ESTIMATING THE PERCENTAGES OF GRAVEL, SAND, AND FINES IN A SOIL SAMPLE

X4.1 *Jar Method*—The relative percentage of coarse- and fine-grained material may be estimated by thoroughly shaking a mixture of soil and water in a test tube or jar, and then allowing the mixture to settle. The coarse particles will fall to the bottom and successively finer particles will be deposited with increasing time; the sand sizes will fall out of suspension in 20 to 30 s. The relative proportions can be estimated from the relative volume of each size separate. This method should be correlated to particle-size laboratory determinations.

X4.2 *Visual Method*—Mentally visualize the gravel size particles placed in a sack (or other container) or sacks. Then, do the same with the sand size particles and the fines. Then, mentally compare the number of sacks to estimate the percentage of plus No. 4 sieve size and minus No. 4 sieve size present.

The percentages of sand and fines in the minus sieve size No. 4 material can then be estimated from the wash test (X4.3).

X4.3 *Wash Test (for relative percentages of sand and fines)*—Select and moisten enough minus No. 4 sieve size material to form a 1-in (25-mm) cube of soil. Cut the cube in half, set one-half to the side, and place the other half in a small dish. Wash and decant the fines out of the material in the dish until the wash water is clear and then compare the two samples and estimate the percentage of sand and fines. Remember that the percentage is based on weight, not volume. However, the volume comparison will provide a reasonable indication of grain size percentages.

X4.3.1 While washing, it may be necessary to break down lumps of fines with the finger to get the correct percentages.

X5. ABBREVIATED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYMBOLS

X5.1 In some cases, because of lack of space, an abbreviated system may be useful to indicate the soil classification symbol and name. Examples of such cases would be graphical logs, databases, tables, etc.

X5.2 This abbreviated system is not a substitute for the full name and descriptive information but can be used in supple-

mentary presentations when the complete description is referenced.

X5.3 The abbreviated system should consist of the soil classification symbol based on this standard with appropriate lower case letter prefixes and suffixes as:

Prefix:

Suffix:

s = sandy
g = gravelly

s = with sand
g = with gravel
c = with cobbles
b = with boulders

Group Symbol and Full Name

Abbreviated

CL, Sandy lean clay
SP-SM, Poorly graded sand with silt and gravel
GP, poorly graded gravel with sand, cobbles, and boulders
ML, gravelly silt with sand and cobbles

s(CL)
(SP-SM)g
(GP)scb
g(ML)sc

X5.4 The soil classification symbol is to be enclosed in parenthesis. Some examples would be:

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

In accordance with Committee D18 policy, this section identifies the location of changes to this standard since the last edition (1993^{e1}) that may impact the use of this standard.

(1) Added Practice D 3740 to Section 2.

(2) Added Note 5 under 5.7 and renumbered subsequent notes.

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Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This test method describes the procedure, generally known as the Standard Penetration Test (SPT), for driving a split-barrel sampler to obtain a representative disturbed soil sample for identification purposes, and measure the resistance of the soil to penetration of the sampler. Another method (Test Method D 3550) to drive a split-barrel sampler to obtain a representative soil sample is available but the hammer energy is not standardized.

1.2 Practice D 6066 gives a guide to determining the normalized penetration resistance of sands for energy adjustments of N-value to a constant energy level for evaluating liquefaction potential.

1.3 Test results and identification information are used to estimate subsurface conditions for foundation design.

1.4 Penetration resistance testing is typically performed at 5-foot depth intervals or when a significant change of materials is observed during drilling, unless otherwise specified.

1.5 This test method is limited to use in nonlithified soils and soils whose maximum particle size is approximately less than one-half of the sampler diameter.

1.6 This test method involves use of rotary drilling equipment (Guide D 5783, Practice D 6151). Other drilling and sampling procedures (Guide D 6286, Guide D 6169) are available and may be more appropriate. Considerations for hand driving or shallow sampling without boreholes are not addressed. Subsurface investigations should be recorded in accordance with Practice D 5434. Samples should be preserved and transported in accordance with Practice D 4220 using Group B. Soil samples should be identified by group name and symbol in accordance with Practice D 2488.

1.7 All observed and calculated values shall conform to the guidelines for significant digits and rounding established in Practice D 6026, unless superseded by this test method.

1.8 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard, except as noted below. The values given in

parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units, which are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.8.1 The gravitational system of inch-pound units is used when dealing with inch-pound units. In this system, the pound (lbf) represents a unit of force (weight), while the unit for mass is slugs.

1.9 Penetration resistance measurements often will involve safety planning, administration, and documentation. This test method does not purport to address all aspects of exploration and site safety. *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.* Performance of the test usually involves use of a drill rig; therefore, safety requirements as outlined in applicable safety standards (for example, OSHA regulations,² NDA Drilling Safety Guide,³ drilling safety manuals, and other applicable state and local regulations) must be observed.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:⁴

D 653 Terminology Relating to Soil, Rock, and Contained Fluids

D 854 Test Methods for Specific Gravity of Soil Solids by Water Pycnometer

D 1587 Practice for Thin-Walled Tube Sampling of Soils for Geotechnical Purposes

D 2216 Test Methods for Laboratory Determination of Water (Moisture) Content of Soil and Rock by Mass

D 2487 Practice for Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (Unified Soil Classification System)

D 2488 Practice for Description and Identification of Soils

² Available from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20210, <http://www.osha.gov>.

³ Available from the National Drilling Association, 3511 Center Rd., Suite 8, Brunswick, OH 44212, <http://www.nda4u.com>.

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(Visual-Manual Procedure)

- D 3550 Practice for Thick Wall, Ring-Lined, Split Barrel, Drive Sampling of Soils
- D 3740 Practice for Minimum Requirements for Agencies Engaged in the Testing and/or Inspection of Soil and Rock as Used in Engineering Design and Construction
- D 4220 Practices for Preserving and Transporting Soil Samples
- D 4633 Test Method for Energy Measurement for Dynamic Penetrometers
- D 5434 Guide for Field Logging of Subsurface Explorations of Soil and Rock
- D 5783 Guide for Use of Direct Rotary Drilling with Water-Based Drilling Fluid for Geoenvironmental Exploration and the Installation of Subsurface Water-Quality Monitoring Devices
- D 6026 Practice for Using Significant Digits in Geotechnical Data
- D 6066 Practice for Determining the Normalized Penetration Resistance of Sands for Evaluation of Liquefaction Potential
- D 6151 Practice for Using Hollow-Stem Augers for Geotechnical Exploration and Soil Sampling
- D 6169 Guide for Selection of Soil and Rock Sampling Devices Used With Drill Rigs for Environmental Investigations
- D 6286 Guide for Selection of Drilling Methods for Environmental Site Characterization
- D 6913 Test Methods for Particle-Size Distribution (Gradation) of Soils Using Sieve Analysis

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:* Definitions of terms included in Terminology D 653 specific to this practice are:

3.1.1 *cathead, n*—the rotating drum or windlass in the rope-cathead lift system around which the operator wraps a rope to lift and drop the hammer by successively tightening and loosening the rope turns around the drum.

3.1.2 *drill rods, n*—rods used to transmit downward force and torque to the drill bit while drilling a borehole.

3.1.3 *N-value, n*—the blow count representation of the penetration resistance of the soil. The *N-value*, reported in blows per foot, equals the sum of the number of blows (*N*) required to drive the sampler over the depth interval of 6 to 18 in. (150 to 450 mm) (see 7.3).

3.1.4 *Standard Penetration Test (SPT), n*—a test process in the bottom of the borehole where a split-barrel sampler having an inside diameter of either 1-1/2-in. (38.1 mm) or 1-3/8-in. (34.9 mm) (see Note 2) is driven a given distance of 1.0 ft (0.30 m) after a seating interval of 0.5 ft (0.15 m) using a hammer weighing approximately 140-lbf (623-N) falling 30 ± 1.0 in. (0.76 m \pm 0.030 m) for each hammer blow.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *anvil, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly which the hammer strikes and through which the hammer energy passes into the drill rods.

3.2.2 *drive weight assembly, n*—an assembly that consists of the hammer, anvil, hammer fall guide system, drill rod attachment system, and any hammer drop system hoisting attachments.

3.2.3 *hammer, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly consisting of the 140 ± 2 lbf (623 \pm 9 N) impact weight which is successively lifted and dropped to provide the energy that accomplishes the sampling and penetration.

3.2.4 *hammer drop system, n*—that portion of the drive-weight assembly by which the operator or automatic system accomplishes the lifting and dropping of the hammer to produce the blow.

3.2.5 *hammer fall guide, n*—that part of the drive-weight assembly used to guide the fall of the hammer.

3.2.6 *number of rope turns, n*—the total contact angle between the rope and the cathead at the beginning of the operator's rope slackening to drop the hammer, divided by 360° (see Fig. 1).

3.2.7 *sampling rods, n*—rods that connect the drive-weight assembly to the sampler. Drill rods are often used for this purpose.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method provides a disturbed soil sample for moisture content determination, for identification and classification (Practices D 2487 and D 2488) purposes, and for laboratory tests appropriate for soil obtained from a sampler that will produce large shear strain disturbance in the sample such as Test Methods D 854, D 2216, and D 6913. Soil deposits containing gravels, cobbles, or boulders typically result in penetration refusal and damage to the equipment.

4.2 This test method provides a disturbed soil sample for moisture content determination and laboratory identification. Sample quality is generally not suitable for advanced laboratory testing for engineering properties. The process of driving the sampler will cause disturbance of the soil and change the engineering properties. Use of the thin wall tube sampler (Practice D 1587) may result in less disturbance in soft soils. Coring techniques may result in less disturbance than SPT sampling for harder soils, but it is not always the case, that is, some cemented soils may become loosened by water action during coring; see Practice D 6151, and Guide D 6169.

4.3 This test method is used extensively in a great variety of geotechnical exploration projects. Many local correlations and widely published correlations which relate blow count, or *N-value*, and the engineering behavior of earthworks and foundations are available. For evaluating the liquefaction potential of sands during an earthquake event, the *N-value* should be normalized to a standard overburden stress level. Practice D 6066 provides methods to obtain a record of normalized resistance of sands to the penetration of a standard sampler driven by a standard energy. The penetration resistance is adjusted to drill rod energy ratio of 60 % by using a hammer system with either an estimated energy delivery or directly measuring drill rod stress wave energy using Test Method D 4633.

NOTE 1—The reliability of data and interpretations generated by this practice is dependent on the competence of the personnel performing it

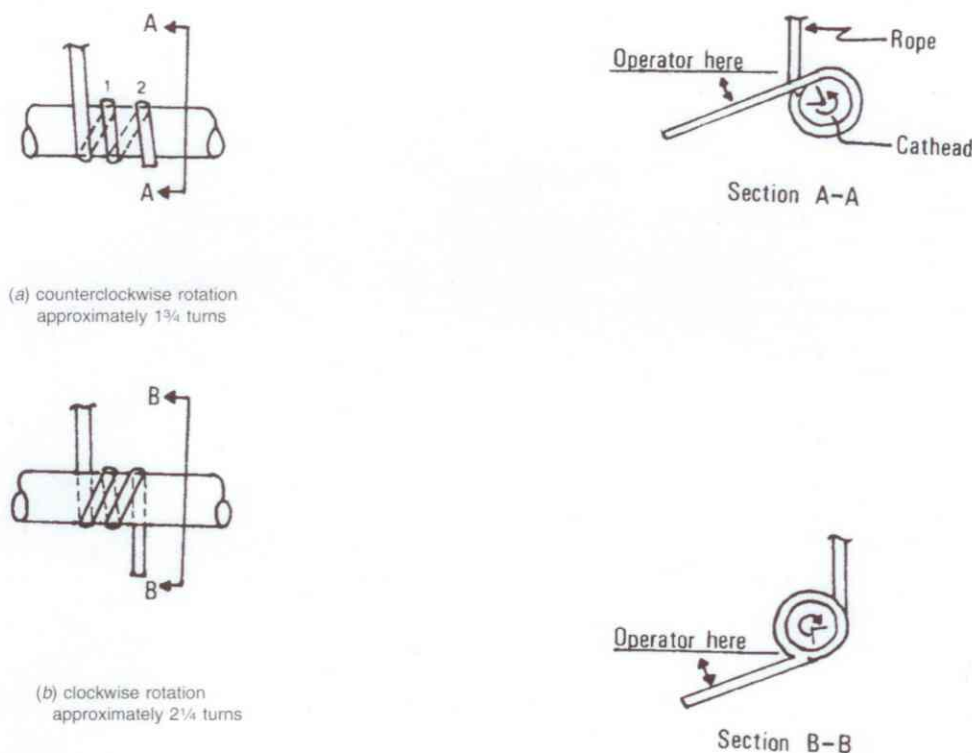


FIG. 1 Definitions of the Number of Rope Turns and the Angle for (a) Counterclockwise Rotation and (b) Clockwise Rotation of the Cathead

and the suitability of the equipment and facilities used. Agencies that meet the criteria of Practice D 3740 generally are considered capable of competent testing. Users of this practice are cautioned that compliance with Practice D 3740 does not assure reliable testing. Reliable testing depends on several factors and Practice D 3740 provides a means of evaluating some of these factors. Practice D 3740 was developed for agencies engaged in the testing, inspection, or both, of soils and rock. As such, it is not totally applicable to agencies performing this practice. Users of this test method should recognize that the framework of Practice D 3740 is appropriate for evaluating the quality of an agency performing this test method. Currently, there is no known qualifying national authority that inspects agencies that perform this test method.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Drilling Equipment*—Any drilling equipment that provides at the time of sampling a suitable borehole before insertion of the sampler and ensures that the penetration test is performed on undisturbed soil shall be acceptable. The following pieces of equipment have proven to be suitable for advancing a borehole in some subsurface conditions:

5.1.1 *Drag, Chopping, and Fishtail Bits*, less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. (165 mm) and greater than $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used in conjunction with open-hole rotary drilling or casing-advancement drilling methods. To avoid disturbance of the underlying soil, bottom discharge bits are not permitted; only side discharge bits are permitted.

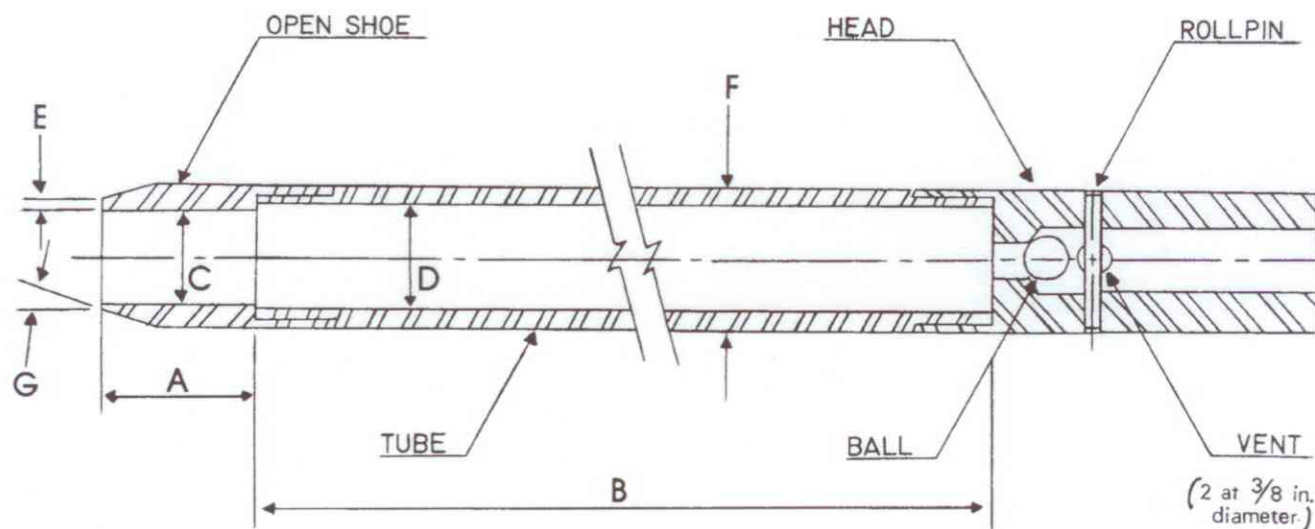
5.1.2 *Roller-Cone Bits*, less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. (165 mm) and greater than $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used in conjunction with open-hole rotary drilling or casing-advancement drilling methods if the drilling fluid discharge is deflected.

5.1.3 *Hollow-Stem Continuous Flight Augers*, with or without a center bit assembly, may be used to drill the borehole. The inside diameter of the hollow-stem augers shall be less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. (165 mm) and not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. (57 mm).

5.1.4 *Solid, Continuous Flight, Bucket and Hand Augers*, less than $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. (165 mm) and not less than $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. (57 mm) in diameter may be used if the soil on the side of the borehole does not cave onto the sampler or sampling rods during sampling.

5.2 *Sampling Rods*—Flush-joint steel drill rods shall be used to connect the split-barrel sampler to the drive-weight assembly. The sampling rod shall have a stiffness (moment of inertia) equal to or greater than that of parallel wall "A" rod (a steel rod that has an outside diameter of $1\frac{5}{8}$ in. (41.3 mm) and an inside diameter of $1\frac{1}{8}$ in. (28.5 mm)).

5.3 *Split-Barrel Sampler*—The standard sampler dimensions are shown in Fig. 2. The sampler has an outside diameter of 2.00 in. (50.8 mm). The inside diameter of the of the split-barrel (dimension D in Fig. 2) can be either $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (38.1



- A = 1.0 to 2.0 in. (25 to 50 mm)
 B = 18.0 to 30.0 in. (0.457 to 0.762 m)
 C = 1.375 ± 0.005 in. (34.93 ± 0.13 mm)
 D = 1.50 ± 0.05 - 0.00 in. (38.1 ± 1.3 - 0.0 mm)
 E = 0.10 ± 0.02 in. (2.54 ± 0.25 mm)
 F = 2.00 ± 0.05 - 0.00 in. (50.8 ± 1.3 - 0.0 mm)
 G = 16.0° to 23.0°

FIG. 2 Split-Barrel Sampler

mm) or 1½-in. (34.9 mm) (see Note 2). A 16-gauge liner can be used inside the 1½-in. (38.1 mm) split barrel sampler. The driving shoe shall be of hardened steel and shall be replaced or repaired when it becomes dented or distorted. The penetrating end of the drive shoe may be slightly rounded. The split-barrel sampler must be equipped with a ball check and vent. Metal or plastic baskets may be used to retain soil samples.

NOTE 2—Both theory and available test data suggest that *N*-values may differ as much as 10 to 30 % between a constant inside diameter sampler and upset wall sampler. If it is necessary to correct for the upset wall sampler refer to Practice D 6066. In North America, it is now common practice to use an upset wall sampler with an inside diameter of 1½ in. At one time, liners were used but practice evolved to use the upset wall sampler without liners. Use of an upset wall sampler allows for use of retainers if needed, reduces inside friction, and improves recovery. Many other countries still use a constant ID split-barrel sampler, which was the original standard and still acceptable within this standard.

5.4 Drive-Weight Assembly:

5.4.1 Hammer and Anvil—The hammer shall weigh 140 ± 2 lbf (623 ± 9 N) and shall be a rigid metallic mass. The hammer shall strike the anvil and make steel on steel contact when it is dropped. A hammer fall guide permitting an unimpeded fall shall be used. Fig. 3 shows a schematic of such hammers. Hammers used with the cathead and rope method shall have an unimpeded over lift capacity of at least 4 in. (100 mm). For safety reasons, the use of a hammer assembly with an internal anvil is encouraged as shown in Fig. 3. The total mass of the hammer assembly bearing on the drill rods should not be more than 250 ± 10 lbf (113 ± 5 kg).

NOTE 3—It is suggested that the hammer fall guide be permanently marked to enable the operator or inspector to judge the hammer drop height.

5.4.2 Hammer Drop System—Rope-cathead, trip, semi-automatic or automatic hammer drop systems, as shown in Fig. 4 may be used, providing the lifting apparatus will not cause penetration of the sampler while re-engaging and lifting the hammer.

5.5 Accessory Equipment—Accessories such as labels, sample containers, data sheets, and groundwater level measuring devices shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the project and other ASTM standards.

6. Drilling Procedure

6.1 The borehole shall be advanced incrementally to permit intermittent or continuous sampling. Test intervals and locations are normally stipulated by the project engineer or geologist. Typically, the intervals selected are 5 ft (1.5 m) or less in homogeneous strata with test and sampling locations at every change of strata. Record the depth of drilling to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m).

6.2 Any drilling procedure that provides a suitably clean and stable borehole before insertion of the sampler and assures that the penetration test is performed on essentially undisturbed soil shall be acceptable. Each of the following procedures has proven to be acceptable for some subsurface conditions. The subsurface conditions anticipated should be considered when selecting the drilling method to be used.

- 6.2.1 Open-hole rotary drilling method.
- 6.2.2 Continuous flight hollow-stem auger method.
- 6.2.3 Wash boring method.
- 6.2.4 Continuous flight solid auger method.

6.3 Several drilling methods produce unacceptable boreholes. The process of jetting through an open tube sampler and

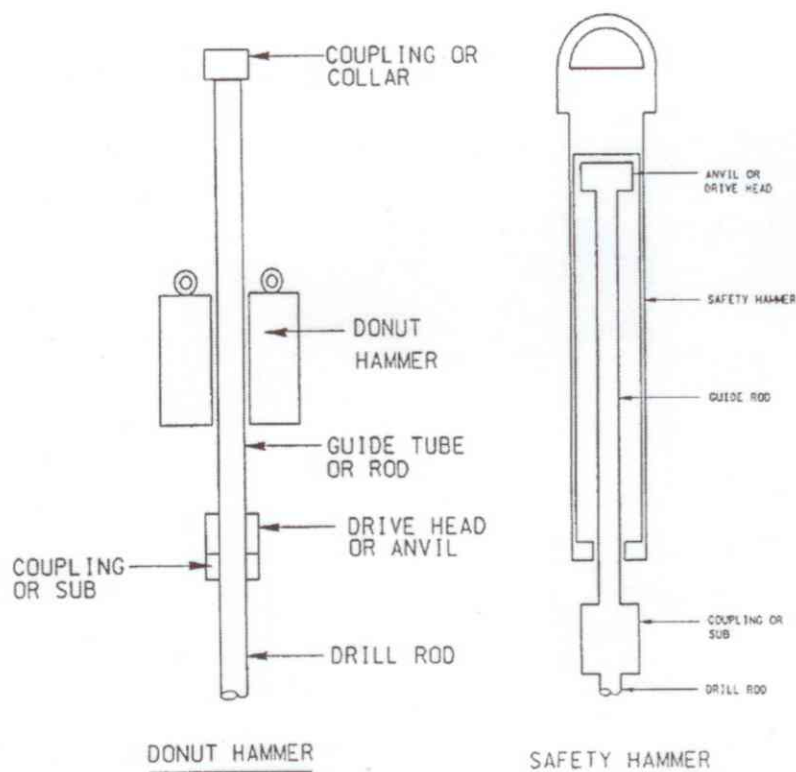


FIG. 3 Schematic Drawing of the Donut Hammer and Safety Hammer

then sampling when the desired depth is reached shall not be permitted. The continuous flight solid auger method shall not be used for advancing the borehole below a water table or below the upper confining bed of a confined non-cohesive stratum that is under artesian pressure. Casing may not be advanced below the sampling elevation prior to sampling. Advancing a borehole with bottom discharge bits is not permissible. It is not permissible to advance the borehole for subsequent insertion of the sampler solely by means of previous sampling with the SPT sampler.

6.4 The drilling fluid level within the borehole or hollow-stem augers shall be maintained at or above the in situ groundwater level at all times during drilling, removal of drill rods, and sampling.

7. Sampling and Testing Procedure

7.1 After the borehole has been advanced to the desired sampling elevation and excessive cuttings have been removed, record the cleanout depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and prepare for the test with the following sequence of operations:

7.1.1 Attach either split-barrel sampler Type A or B to the sampling rods and lower into the borehole. Do not allow the sampler to drop onto the soil to be sampled.

7.1.2 Position the hammer above and attach the anvil to the top of the sampling rods. This may be done before the sampling rods and sampler are lowered into the borehole.

7.1.3 Rest the dead weight of the sampler, rods, anvil, and drive weight on the bottom of the borehole. Record the sampling start depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m). Compare

the sampling start depth to the cleanout depth in 7.1. If excessive cuttings are encountered at the bottom of the borehole, remove the sampler and sampling rods from the borehole and remove the cuttings.

7.1.4 Mark the drill rods in three successive 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increments so that the advance of the sampler under the impact of the hammer can be easily observed for each 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increment.

7.2 Drive the sampler with blows from the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer and count the number of blows applied in each 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increment until one of the following occurs:

7.2.1 A total of 50 blows have been applied during any one of the three 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increments described in 7.1.4.

7.2.2 A total of 100 blows have been applied.

7.2.3 There is no observed advance of the sampler during the application of 10 successive blows of the hammer.

7.2.4 The sampler is advanced the complete 1.5 ft. (0.45 m) without the limiting blow counts occurring as described in 7.2.1, 7.2.2, or 7.2.3.

7.2.5 If the sampler sinks under the weight of the hammer, weight of rods, or both, record the length of travel to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and drive the sampler through the remainder of the test interval. If the sampler sinks the complete interval, stop the penetration, remove the sampler and sampling rods from the borehole, and advance the borehole through the very soft or very loose materials to the next desired sampling elevation. Record the *N*-value as either weight of hammer, weight of rods, or both.

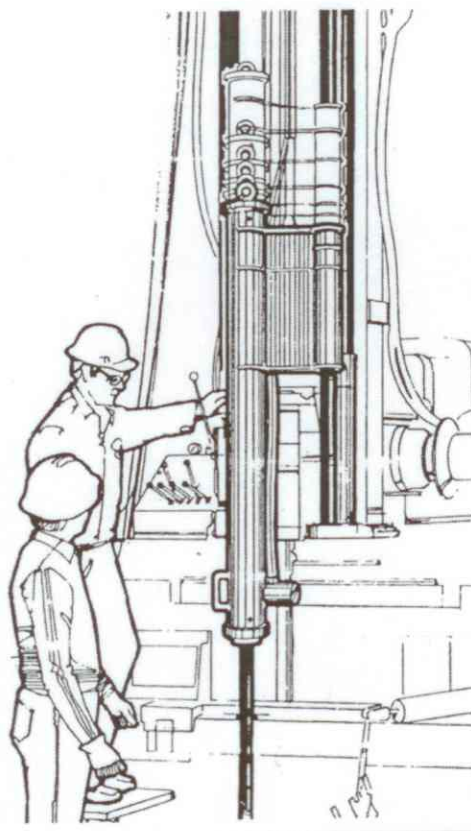


FIG. 4 Automatic Trip Hammer

7.3 Record the number of blows (N) required to advance the sampler each 0.5-foot (0.15 m) of penetration or fraction thereof. The first 0.5-foot (0.15 m) is considered to be a seating drive. The sum of the number of blows required for the second and third 0.5-foot (0.15 m) of penetration is termed the "standard penetration resistance," or the " N -value." If the sampler is driven less than 1.5 ft (0.45 m), as permitted in 7.2.1, 7.2.2, or 7.2.3, the number of blows per each complete 0.5-foot (0.15 m) increment and per each partial increment shall be recorded on the boring log. For partial increments, the depth of penetration shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) in addition to the number of blows. If the sampler advances below the bottom of the borehole under the static weight of the drill rods or the weight of the drill rods plus the static weight of the hammer, this information should be noted on the boring log.

7.4 The raising and dropping of the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer shall be accomplished using either of the following two methods. Energy delivered to the drill rod by either method can be measured according to procedures in Test Method D 4633.

7.4.1 *Method A*—By using a trip, automatic, or semi-automatic hammer drop system that lifts the 140-lbf (623-N) hammer and allows it to drop 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$) with limited unimpedance. Drop heights adjustments for automatic and trip hammers should be checked daily and at first indication of variations in performance. Operation of automatic hammers shall be in strict accordance with operations manuals.

7.4.2 *Method B*—By using a cathead to pull a rope attached to the hammer. When the cathead and rope method is used the system and operation shall conform to the following:

7.4.2.1 The cathead shall be essentially free of rust, oil, or grease and have a diameter in the range of 6 to 10 in. (150 to 250 mm).

7.4.2.2 The cathead should be operated at a minimum speed of rotation of 100 RPM.

7.4.2.3 The operator should generally use either 1-3/4 or 2-1/4 rope turns on the cathead, depending upon whether or not the rope comes off the top (1-3/4 turns for counterclockwise rotation) or the bottom (2-1/4 turns for clockwise rotation) of the cathead during the performance of the penetration test, as shown in Fig. 1. It is generally known and accepted that 2-3/4 or more rope turns considerably impedes the fall of the hammer and should not be used to perform the test. The cathead rope should be stiff, relatively dry, clean, and should be replaced when it becomes excessively frayed, oily, limp, or burned.

7.4.2.4 For each hammer blow, a 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$) lift and drop shall be employed by the operator. The operation of pulling and throwing the rope shall be performed rhythmically without holding the rope at the top of the stroke.

NOTE 4—If the hammer drop height is something other than 30 ± 1.0 in. ($0.76 \text{ m} \pm 0.030 \text{ m}$), then record the new drop height. For soils other than sands, there is no known data or research that relates to adjusting the N -value obtained from different drop heights. Test method D 4633 provides information on making energy measurement for variable drop

heights and Practice D 6066 provides information on adjustment of *N*-value to a constant energy level (60 % of theoretical, *N*60). Practice D 6066 allows the hammer drop height to be adjusted to provide 60 % energy.

7.5 Bring the sampler to the surface and open. Record the percent recovery to the nearest 1 % or the length of sample recovered to the nearest 0.01 ft (5 mm). Classify the soil samples recovered as to, in accordance with Practice D 2488, then place one or more representative portions of the sample into sealable moisture-proof containers (jars) without ramming or distorting any apparent stratification. Seal each container to prevent evaporation of soil moisture. Affix labels to the containers bearing job designation, boring number, sample depth, and the blow count per 0.5-foot (0.15-m) increment. Protect the samples against extreme temperature changes. If there is a soil change within the sampler, make a jar for each stratum and note its location in the sampler barrel. Samples should be preserved and transported in accordance with Practice D 4220 using Group B.

8. Data Sheet(s)/Form(s)

8.1 Data obtained in each borehole shall be recorded in accordance with the Subsurface Logging Guide D 5434 as required by the exploration program. An example of a sample data sheet is included in Appendix X1.

8.2 Drilling information shall be recorded in the field and shall include the following:

- 8.2.1 Name and location of job,
- 8.2.2 Names of crew,
- 8.2.3 Type and make of drilling machine,
- 8.2.4 Weather conditions,
- 8.2.5 Date and time of start and finish of borehole,
- 8.2.6 Boring number and location (station and coordinates, if available and applicable),
- 8.2.7 Surface elevation, if available,
- 8.2.8 Method of advancing and cleaning the borehole,
- 8.2.9 Method of keeping borehole open,
- 8.2.10 Depth of water surface to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) and drilling depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) at the time of a noted loss of drilling fluid, and time and date when reading or notation was made,
- 8.2.11 Location of strata changes, to the nearest 0.5 ft (15 cm),
- 8.2.12 Size of casing, depth of cased portion of borehole to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m),

8.2.13 Equipment and Method A or B of driving sampler,

8.2.14 Sampler length and inside diameter of barrel, and if a sample basket retainer is used,

8.2.15 Size, type, and section length of the sampling rods, and

8.2.16 Remarks.

8.3 Data obtained for each sample shall be recorded in the field and shall include the following:

8.3.1 Top of sample depth to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m) and, if utilized, the sample number,

8.3.2 Description of soil,

8.3.3 Strata changes within sample,

8.3.4 Sampler penetration and recovery lengths to the nearest 0.1 ft (0.030 m), and

8.3.5 Number of blows per 0.5 foot (0.015 m) or partial increment.

9. Precision and Bias

9.1 *Precision*—Test data on precision is not presented due to the nature of this test method. It is either not feasible or too costly at this time to have ten or more agencies participate in an in situ testing program at a given site.

9.1.1 The Subcommittee 18.02 is seeking additional data from the users of this test method that might be used to make a limited statement on precision. Present knowledge indicates the following:

9.1.1.1 Variations in *N*-values of 100 % or more have been observed when using different standard penetration test apparatus and drillers for adjacent boreholes in the same soil formation. Current opinion, based on field experience, indicates that when using the same apparatus and driller, *N*-values in the same soil can be reproduced with a coefficient of variation of about 10 %.

9.1.1.2 The use of faulty equipment, such as an extremely massive or damaged anvil, a rusty cathead, a low speed cathead, an old, oily rope, or massive or poorly lubricated rope sheaves can significantly contribute to differences in *N*-values obtained between operator-drill rig systems.

9.2 *Bias*—There is no accepted reference value for this test method, therefore, bias cannot be determined.

10. Keywords

10.1 blow count; in-situ test; penetration resistance; soil; split-barrel sampling; standard penetration test

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. Example Data Sheet

X1.1 See Fig. 5.

DRILLERS BORING LOG

Project _____		Project No. _____		Boring No. _____	
Location _____				Sheet _____ of _____	
Date Started _____	Date Completed _____	Drill Crew:		Boring Location	
				Station _____ Offset _____	
				Elevation _____	

Strata Depth		Soil Description and Remarks	Sample Type	No.	Depth		Recovery	N-Values		
From	To				From	To		6"	6"	6"

Drill Rig Type _____

Method Of Drilling:

Auger _____ Size _____

Wash _____ Water _____ Mud _____

Hammer Type

Auto _____ Manual _____

Split-Spoon Type

Length _____ Liner Used _____

Boring Size _____ Bit Used _____

Casing Size _____ Length _____

Weather _____

Non-Drilling Time (Hrs.)

Boring Layout _____ Moving _____

Hauling Water _____ Standby _____

Water Level @ _____ Date _____ Time _____

@ _____ Date _____ Time _____

@ _____ Date _____ Time _____

Cave-in Depth

@ _____ Date _____ Time _____

FIG. 5 Example Data Sheet

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee D18 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (D 1586 – 99) that may impact the use of this standard. (Approved February 1, 2008.)

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| <p>(1) There have been numerous changes to this standard to list them separately. From the most recent main ballot process, additional changes were requested and incorporated into this newest revision. Stated below is a highlight of some of the changes.</p> <p>(2) Scope was completely revised.</p> <p>(3) Referenced Documents updated to include new standards.</p> | <p>(4) Terminology: added section on Definitions.</p> <p>(5) Significance and Use: clarified use of the SPT test.</p> <p>(6) Apparatus: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(7) Sampling and Testing Procedure: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(8) Data Sheets/Forms: general editorial changes.</p> <p>(9) Precision and Bias: added Sections 9.1.1.1 and 9.1.1.2.</p> |
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**Table 1
EXAMPLE SOIL DESCRIPTIONS**

POORLY GRADED SAND (SP), light brown, moist, loose, fine sand size

FAT CLAY (CH), dark gray, moist, stiff

SILT (ML), light greenish gray, wet, very loose, some mica, lacustrine

WELL-GRADED SAND WITH GRAVEL (SM), reddish brown, moist, dense, subangular gravel to 0.6 inches max

POORLY GRADED SAND WITH SILT (SP-SM), white, wet, medium dense

ORGANIC SOIL WITH SAND (OH), dark brown to black, wet, firm to stiff but spongy undisturbed, becomes soft and sticky when remolded, many fine roots, trace of mica

SILTY GRAVEL WITH SAND (GM), brownish red, moist, very dense, subrounded gravel to 1.2 inches max

INTERLAYERED SILT (60 percent) AND CLAY (40 percent): SILT WITH SAND (ML), medium greenish gray, nonplastic, sudden reaction to shaking, layers mostly 1.5 to 8.3 inches thick; **LEAN CLAY (CL),** dark gray, firm and brittle undisturbed, becomes very soft and sticky when remolded, layers 0.2 to 1.2 inches thick

SILTY SAND WITH GRAVEL (SM), light yellowish brown, moist, medium dense, weak gravel to 1.0 inches max, very few small particles of coal, fill

SANDY ELASTIC SILT (MH), very light gray to white, wet, stiff, weak calcareous cementation

LEAN CLAY WITH SAND (CL/MH), dark brownish gray, moist, stiff

WELL-GRADED GRAVEL WITH SILT (GW-GM), brown, moist, very dense, rounded gravel to 1.0 inches max

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Table 2
CRITERIA FOR DESCRIBING MOISTURE CONDITION

<u>Description</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to the touch
Moist	Damp, but no visible water
Wet	Visible free water, usually soil is below water table

Table 3
RELATIVE DENSITY OF COARSE-GRAINED SOIL
(Developed from Sowers, 1979)

<u>Blows/Ft</u>	<u>Relative Density</u>	<u>Field Test</u>
0-4	Very loose	Easily penetrated with ½-in. steel rod pushed by hand
5-10	Loose	Easily penetrated with ½-in. steel rod pushed by hand
11-30	Medium	Easily penetrated with ½-in. steel rod driven with 5-lb hammer
31-50	Dense	Penetrated a foot with ½-in. steel rod driven with 5-lb hammer
>50	Very dense	Penetrated only a few inches with ½-in. steel rod driven with 5-lb hammer

Table 4
CONSISTENCY OF FINE-GRAINED SOIL
(Developed from Sowers, 1979)

<u>Blows/Ft</u>	<u>Consistency</u>	<u>Pocket Penetrometer (TSF)</u>	<u>Torvane (TSF)</u>	<u>Field Test</u>
<2	Very soft	<0.25	<0.12	Easily penetrated several inches by fist
2-4	Soft	0.25-0.50	0.12-0.25	Easily penetrated several inches by thumb
5-8	Firm	0.50-1.0	0.25-0.5	Can be penetrated several inches by thumb with moderate effort
9-15	Stiff	1.0-2.0	0.5-1.0	Readily indented by thumb, but penetrated only with great effort
16-30	Very stiff	2.0-4.0	1.0-2.0	Readily indented by thumbnail
>30	Hard	>4.0	>2.0	Indented with difficulty by thumbnail

Locating and Clearing Underground Utilities

I. Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to provide general guidelines and specific procedures that must be followed on Navy CLEAN projects for locating underground utilities and clearing dig locations in order to maximize our ability to avoid hitting underground utilities and to minimize liabilities to CH2M HILL and its subcontractors and health and safety risks to our project staff.

This SOP shall be used by Activity Managers and Project Managers to, in-turn, develop Activity-specific and project-specific utility location procedures. The activity and project-specific procedures will become part of work plans and project instructions and will be used to prepare scopes of work (SOWs) for the procurement of utility location subcontractors to meet the needs of individual projects.

This SOP also identifies the types of utility locating services that are available from subcontractors and the various tools that are used to locate utilities, and discusses when each type of service and tool may or may not be applicable.

II. Scope

Depending on the Navy/Marine Activity we typically find ourselves in one of two scenarios:

Scenario 1

The Activity provides utility locating (or dig clearance) services through the public works department or similar organization, or has a contract with an outside utility clearance service. Some of these services are provided in the form of dig permits which are required before you can dig or drill. In other cases, no official permit is required and the process is somewhat vague.

Scenario 2

The Activity does not get involved in any utility locating processes aside from possibly providing the most recent utility maps, and relies on CH2M HILL to clear the dig locations.

Table 1 provides an up to date summary of which scenarios apply to the various primary Activities served under the Navy CLEAN program.

Scenario 1 is preferred because under this scenario the Navy tends to assume the responsibility if the location is improperly cleared, a utility is struck, and property damage results. However, our experience has been that the clearance services provided by the Navy do not meet the standards that we consider to be adequate, in that they often simply rely on available base maps to mark utilities and do not verify locations

using field geophysics. And if they do use locating tools, they do not provide adequate documentation or marking to confirm that a location has been cleared. So while the Navy's process may protect us from liability for property damage, it does not adequately protect our staff and subcontractors from health risks nor does it compensate us for down time, should a utility be hit.

Therefore, regardless of what services the Navy provides, in most cases we still need to supplement this effort with clearance services from our own third party utility location subcontractor following the procedures and guideline outlined in Section IV of this SOP. The cost implications of providing this service will range from \$500 to several \$1,000 depending on the size of the project.

The scope of services that we ask our subcontractors to provide can involve utility marking/mapping or the clearing of individual dig locations. In the former we ask our subs to mark all utilities within a "site" and often ask them to prepare a map based on their work. In the later, we ask them to clear (identify if there are any utilities within) a certain radius of a proposed dig/drill location.

The appropriate requested scope of services for a project will depend on the project. Clearing individual boreholes is often less expensive and allows the sub to concentrate their efforts on a limited area. However, if the scope of the investigation is fluid (all borehole locations are not predetermined) it may be best to mark and map an entire site or keep the subcontractor on call.

Clearance of individual dig locations should be done to a minimum 20-foot radius around the location.

An example SOW for a utility subcontractor procurement is provided in Attachment A.

III. Services and Equipment

This section provides a general description of the services available to help us locate subsurface utilities and describes the types of equipment that these services may (or may not) use to perform their work. It identifies the capabilities of each type of equipment to help the PM specify what they should require from our utility location subs.

Services

The services that are available to us for identifying and marking underground utilities are:

- The local public/private utility-run service
- Utility location subcontractors (hired by us)

Attachment B provides a detailed description of each type of organization. It also provides contact numbers and web sites for the various organizations in the areas where we do work for the Navy and contacts and services provided by several subcontractors that we have used or spoken to in the past.

Equipment

Attachment C provides a summary of the various types of equipment used for subsurface utility location. It describes the capabilities and limitations of each in order to help the PM determine if the equipment being used by a subcontractor is adequate.

It is important to make the potential subcontractors aware of the possible types of utilities (and utility materials) that are at the site, and to have them explain in their bid what types of equipment they will use to locate utilities / clear dig locations, and what the limitations of these equipment are.

A list of in-house experts that can be used to help you evaluate bids or answer questions you may have is provided in **Appendix C**.

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

This section presents specific procedures to be followed for the utility location work to be conducted by CH2M HILL and our subcontractors. In addition, a PM will have to follow the procedures required by the Activity to obtain their approvals, clearances and dig permits where necessary. These “dig permit” requirements vary by Activity and must be added to the project-specific SOP, or project instructions. It is preferable that the Activity perform their clearance processes before we follow up with our clearance work.

Activity Notification and Dig Permit Procedures

Identify Activity-specific permit and/or procedural requirements for excavation and drilling activities. Contact the Base Civil Engineer and obtain the appropriate form to begin the clearance process.

Activity Specific: To be provided by Activity or Project Manager

CH2M HILL Utility Clearance Procedures

Do not begin subsurface construction activities (e.g., trenching, excavation, drilling, etc.) until a check for underground utilities and similar obstructions has been conducted by CH2M HILL as a follow-up to the services provided by the Navy. The use of as-built drawings and utility company searches must be supplemented with a geophysical or other survey by a qualified, independent survey contractor (subcontracted to CH2M HILL) to identify additional and undiscovered buried utilities.

Examples of the type of geophysical technologies include (these are further described in Attachment C):

- **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)**, which can detect pipes, including gas pipes, tanks, conduits, cables etc, both metallic and non-metallic at depths up to 30 feet depending on equipment. Sensitivity for both minimum object size and maximum depth detectable depends on equipment selected, soil conditions, etc.
- **Radio Frequency (RF)**, involves inducing an RF signal in the pipe or cable and using a receiver to trace it. Some electric and telephone lines emit RF naturally and can be detected without an induced signal. This method requires knowing where the conductive utility can be accessed to induce RF field if necessary.

- **Dual RF**, a modified version of RF detection using multiple frequencies to enhance sensitivity but with similar limitations to RF
- **Ferromagnetic Detectors**, are metal detectors that will detect ferrous and non-ferrous utilities. Sensitivity is limited, e.g. a 100 mm iron disk to a depth of about one meter or a 25 mm steel paper clip to a depth of about 20 cm.
- **Electronic markers**, are emerging technologies that impart a unique electronic signature to materials such as polyethylene pipe to facilitate location and tracing after installation. Promising for future installations but not of help for most existing utilities already in place.

The following procedures shall be used to identify and mark underground utilities during subsurface construction activities on the project:

- Contact utility companies or the state/regional utility protection service (such as Miss Utility) at least two (2) working days prior to intrusive activities to advise of the proposed work, and ask them to establish the location of the utility underground installations prior to the start of actual excavation: this is a law. These services will only mark the location of public-utility-owned lines and not Navy-owned utilities. In many cases there will not be any public-utility-owned lines on the Activity. There may also be Base-access issues to overcome.
- Procure and schedule the independent survey.
- The survey contractor shall determine the most appropriate geophysical technique or combinations of techniques to identify the buried utilities on the project site, based on the survey contractor's experience and expertise, types of utilities anticipated to be present and specific site conditions. *The types of utilities must be provided to the bidding subcontractors in the SOW and procedures to be used must be specified by the bidder in their bid. It is extremely helpful to provide the sub with utility maps, with the caveat that all utilities are not necessarily depicted.*
- The survey subcontractor shall employ the same geophysical techniques used to identify the buried utilities, to survey the proposed path of subsurface investigation/construction work to confirm no buried utilities are present.
- Obtain utility clearances for subsurface work on both public and private property.
- Clearances provided by both the "Miss Utility" service and the CH2M HILL-subcontracted service are to be in writing, signed by the party conducting the clearance. The Miss Utility service will have standard notification forms/letters which typically simply state that they have been to the site and have done their work. The CH2M HILL subcontractor shall be required to fill out the form provided in Attachment D (this can be modified for a particular project) indicating that each dig/drill location has been addressed. *This documentation requirement (with a copy of the form) needs to be provided in the subcontractor SOW.*
- Marking shall be done using the color coding presented in Attachment E. The type of material used for marking must be approved by the Activity prior to marking. Some base commanders have particular issues with persistent spray paint on their

sidewalks and streets. *Any particular marking requirements need to be provided in the subcontractor SOW.*

- Protect and preserve the markings of approximate locations of facilities until the markings are no longer required for safe and proper excavations. If the markings of utility locations are destroyed or removed before excavation commences or is completed, the Project Manager must notify the utility company or utility protection service to inform them that the markings have been destroyed.
- Perform a field check prior to drilling/ digging (preferably while the utility location sub is still at the site) to see if field utility markings coincide with locations on utility maps. Look for fire hydrants, valves, manholes, light poles, lighted signs, etc to see if they coincide with utilities identified by the subcontractor.
- Underground utility locations must be physically verified (or dig locations must be physically cleared) by hand digging using wood or fiberglass-handled tools, air knifing, or by some other acceptable means approved by CH2M HILL, when the dig location (e.g. mechanical drilling, excavating) is expected to be within 5 feet of a marked underground system. Hand clearance shall be done to a depth of four feet unless a utility cross-section is available that indicates the utility is at a greater depth. In that event, the hand clearance shall proceed until the documented depth of the utility is reached.
- Conduct a site briefing for employees at the start of the intrusive work regarding the hazards associated with working near the utilities and the means by which the operation will maintain a safe working environment. Detail the method used to isolate the utility and the hazards presented by breaching the isolation.
- Monitor for signs of utilities during advancement of intrusive work (e.g., sudden change in advancement of auger or split spoon during drilling or change in color, texture or density during excavation that could indicate the ground has been previously disturbed).

IV. Attachments

- A- Example SOW for Utility Location Subcontractor Procurement
- B - Services Available for Identifying and Marking Underground Utilities
- C - Equipment Used for Identifying Underground Utilities
- D - Utility Clearance Documentation Form
- E - Utility Marking Color Codes

Attachment A – Example SOW for Subcontracting Underground Utilities Locating Services

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Scope of Work

Subsurface Utility Locating

Site XX

**Radiological Data Evaluation and Confirmation Survey, Former
Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard**

San Francisco, CA

A licensed and insured utility locator will be subcontracted to identify and mark out subsurface utilities for an environmental investigation/remediation project at Site XX of Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard, San Francisco, CA. The subcontractor will need to be available beginning at <<insert time>> on <<insert date>>. It is estimated that the work can be completed within XX days.

Proposed Scope of Work

The subcontractor will identify and mark all subsurface utilities (CHOOSE 1) that lie within a radius of 20 feet of each of XX sampling locations at Site XX shown on the attached Figure 1; (OR) that lie within the bounds of Site XX as delineated on the attached Figure 1. (If multiple sites are to be cleared, provide maps of each site with sample locations or clearance boundaries clearly delineated and a scale provided.)

Utilities will be identified using all reasonably available as-built drawings, electronic locating devices, and any other means necessary to maintain the safety of drilling and sampling personnel and the protection of the base infrastructure. The location of utilities identified from as-built drawings or other maps must be verified in the field prior to marking.

Base utility drawings for the Site(s) (CHOOSE 1) can be found at <<insert specific department and address or phone number on the base>> and should be reviewed by the subcontractor and referenced as part of the utility locating. (OR), will be provided to the subcontractor by CH2M HILL upon the award of the subcontract. (OR), are not available. Utility drawings shall not be considered definitive and must be field verified.

Field verification will include detection using nonintrusive subsurface detection equipment (magnetometers, GPR, etc) as well as opening manhole covers to verify pipe directions. As part of the bid, the Subcontractor shall provide a list of the various subsurface investigation tools they propose to have available and use at the site and what the limitations are of each tool.

A CH2M HILL representative shall be present to coordinate utility clearance activities and identify points and features to be cleared.

Field Marking and Documentation

All utilities located within **(CHOOSE 1) a 20-ft radius of the XX proposed soil boring locations (OR) within the boundary of the site(s)** as identified on the attached figure(s) will be marked using **paint (some Bases such as the WNY may have restrictions on the use of permanent paint)** and/or pin flags color coded to indicate electricity, gas, water, steam, telephone, TV cable, fiber optic, sewer, etc. The color coding shall match the industry standard as described on the attached form. In addition, the **Buried Utility Location Tracking Form** (attached) will be completed by the Subcontractor based upon what is identified in the field during the utility locating and submitted back to CH2M HILL (field staff or project manager) within 24 hours of completing the utility locating activities.

(OPTIONAL) *The subcontractor shall also provide a map (or hand sketch) of the identified utilities to the Engineer within XX days of field demobilization. The map shall include coordinates or ties from fixed surface features to each identified subsurface utility.*

Bid Sheet/Payment Units

The subcontractor will bid on a time and materials basis for time spent on site and researching utility maps. Mobilization (including daily travel to the site) should be bid as a lump sum, as well as the preparation of the AHA and any required mapping. The per diem line item should be used if the field crew will require overnight accommodations at the project site.

Health and Safety Requirements

The utility locating subcontractor is to provide and assume responsibility for an adequate corporate Health and Safety Plan for onsite personnel. Standard personal safety equipment including: hard hat, safety glasses, steel-toed boots, gloves are recommended for all project activities. Specific health and safety requirements will be established by the Subcontractor for each project. The health and safety requirements will be subject to the review of CH2M HILL.

The subcontractor shall also prepare and provide to the Engineer, at least 48 hours prior to mobilization, an acceptable Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA) using the attached AHA form or similar.

It is also required that all subcontractor personnel who will be on site attend the daily 15-minute health and safety tailgate meeting at the start of each day in the field.

Subcontractor personnel showing indications of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be sent off the job site and their employers will be notified. Subcontractor personnel under the influence of prescription or over-the-counter medication that may impair their ability to operate equipment will not be permitted to do so. It is expected that the subcontractor will assign them other work and provide a capable replacement (if necessary) to operate the equipment to continue work.

Security

The work will be performed on US Navy property. CH2M HILL will identify the Subcontractor personnel who will perform the work to the appropriate Navy facility point-of-contact, and will identify the Navy point-of-contact to the Subcontractor crew. The Subcontractor bears final responsibility for coordinating access of his personnel onto Navy property to perform required work. This responsibility includes arranging logistics and providing to CH2M HILL, in advance or at time of entry as specified, any required identification information for the Subcontractor personnel. Specifically, the following information should be submitted with the bid package for all personnel that will perform the work in question (this information is required to obtain a base pass):

- Name
- Birth Place
- Birth Date
- Social Security Number
- Drivers License State and Number
- Citizenship

Please be advised that no weapons, alcohol, or drugs will be permitted on the Navy facility at any time. If any such items are found, they will be confiscated, and the Subcontractor will be dismissed.

Quality Assurance

The Subcontractor will be licensed and insured to operate in the State of California and will comply with all applicable federal, state, county and local laws and regulations. The subcontractor will maintain, calibrate, and operate all electronic locating instruments in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Additionally, the Subcontractor shall make all reasonable efforts to review as-built engineering drawings maintained by Base personnel, and shall notify the CH2M HILL Project Manager in writing (email is acceptable) whenever such documentation was not available or could not be reviewed.

Subcontractor Standby Time

At certain periods during the utility locating activities, the Subcontractor's personnel may be asked to stop work and standby when work may normally occur. During such times, the Subcontractor will cease activities until directed by the CH2M HILL representative to resume operations. Subcontractor standby time also will include potential delays caused by the CH2M HILL representative not arriving at the site by the agreed-upon meeting time for start of the work day. Standby will be paid to the

Subcontractor at the hourly rate specified in the Subcontractor's Bid Form attached to these specifications.

Cumulative Subcontractor standby will be accrued in increments no shorter than 15 minutes (i.e., an individual standby episode of less than 15 minutes is not chargeable).

During periods for which standby time is paid, the surveying equipment will not be demobilized and the team will remain at the site. At the conclusion of each day, the daily logs for the Subcontractor and CH2M HILL representative will indicate the amount of standby time incurred by the Subcontractor, if any. Payment will be made only for standby time recorded on CH2M HILL's daily logs.

Down Time

Should equipment furnished by the Subcontractor malfunction, preventing the effective and efficient prosecution of the work, or inclement weather conditions prevent safe and effective work from occurring, down time will be indicated in the Subcontractor's and CH2M Hill representative's daily logs. No payment will be made for down time.

Schedule

It is anticipated that the subsurface utility locating activities will occur on <<insert date>>. It is estimated that the above scope will be completed within XXX days.

Attachment B - Services Available for Identifying and Marking Underground Utilities

The services that are available to us for identifying and marking underground utilities are:

- The Activity's PWC (or similar organization)
- The local public/private utility -run service such as Miss Utility
- Utility location subcontractors (hired by CH2M HILL)

Each are discussed below.

Navy Public Works Department

A Public Works Department (PWD) is usually present at each Activity. The PWD is responsible for maintaining the public works at the base including management of utilities. In many cases, the PWD has a written permit process in place to identify and mark-out the locations of Navy-owned utilities [Note: The PWD is usually NOT responsible for the locations/mark-outs of non-Navy owned, public utilities (e.g., Washington Gas, Virginia Power, municipal water and sewer, etc.). Therefore, it is likely that we will have to contact other organizations besides the PWD in order to identify non-Navy owned, public utilities].

At some Activities, there may not be a PWD, the PWD may not have a written permit process in place, or the PWD may not take responsibility for utility locating and mark-outs. In these cases, the PWD should still be contacted since it is likely that they will have the best understanding of the utility locations at the Activity (i.e., engineering drawings, institutional knowledge, etc.). Subsequently, the PWD should be brought into a cooperative arrangement (if possible) with the other services employed in utility locating and mark-out in order to have the most comprehensive assessment performed.

At all Activities we should have a contact (name and phone number), and preferably an established relationship, with PWD, either directly or through the NAVFAC Atlantic, Midlant, or Washington NTR or Activity Environmental Office that we can work with and contact in the event of problems.

Miss Utility or "One Call" Services for Public Utility Mark-outs

Miss Utility or "One Call" service centers are information exchange centers for excavators, contractors and property owners planning any kind of excavation or digging. The "One Call" center notifies participating public utilities of the upcoming excavation work so they can locate and mark their underground utilities in advance to prevent possible damage to underground utility lines, injury, property damage and service outages. In some instances, such with southeastern Virginia bases, the Navy has entered into agreement with Ms. Utilities and is part of the response process for Miss Utilities. Generally, a minimum of 48 hours is required for the public utility mark-outs

to be performed. The “One Call” services are free to the public. Note that the “One Call” centers only coordinate with participating public utilities. There may be some public utilities that do NOT participate in the “One Call” center which may need to be contacted separately. For example, in Washington, DC, the Miss Utility “One Call” center does not locate and mark public sewer and water lines. Therefore, the municipal water and sewer authority must be contacted separately to have the sewer and water lines marked out. The AM should contact the appropriate one-call center to determine their scope of services.

For the Mid-Atlantic region, the following “One Call” service centers are available.

Name	Phone	Website	Comments
Miss Utility of DELMARVA	800-257-7777	www.missutility.net	Public utility mark-outs in Delaware, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia
Miss Utility of Southern Virginia (One Call)	800-552-7001	not available	Public utility mark-outs in Southern Virginia
Miss Utility of Virginia	800-257-7777 800-552-7007	www.missutilityofvirginia.com	General information on public utility mark-outs in Virginia, with links to Miss Utility of DELMARVA and Miss Utility of Southern Virginia (One Call)
Miss Utility of West Virginia, Inc	800-245-4848	none	Call to determine what utilities they work with in West Virginia
North Carolina One Call Center	800-632-4949	www.ncocc.org/ncocc/default.htm	Public Utility Markouts in North Carolina

Private Subcontractors

1. Utility-locating support is required at some level for most all CH2M HILL field projects in "clearing" proposed subsurface boring locations on the project site. Utility location and sample clearance can include a comprehensive effort of GIS map interpretation, professional land surveying, field locating, and geophysical surveying. Since we can usually provide our own GIS-related services for projects and our professional land surveying services are normally procured separately, utility-locating subcontractors will normally only be required for some level of geophysical surveying support in the field. This level of geophysical surveying support can range widely from a simple electromagnetic (EM) survey over a known utility line, to a blind geophysical effort, including a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey and/or a comprehensive EM survey to delineate and characterize all unknown subsurface anomalies.

The level of service required from the subcontractor will vary depending on the nature of the site. At sites where utility locations are well defined on the maps and recent construction is limited, CH2M HILL may be confident with a limited effort from a traditional utility-locating subcontractor providing a simple EM survey. At sites where utility locations are not well defined, where recent constructions may have altered utility locations, or the nature of the site makes utility location difficult,

CH2M HILL will require the services of a comprehensive geophysical surveying subcontractor, with a wide range of GPR and EM services available for use on an "as-needed" basis. Typical costs for geophysical surveying subcontractors will range from approximately \$200 per day for a simple EM effort (usually one crew member and one instrument) to approximately \$1,500 per day for a comprehensive geophysical surveying effort (usually a two-person crew and multiple instruments). Comprehensive geophysical surveying efforts may also include field data interpretation (and subsequent report preparation) and non-destructive excavation to field-verify utility depths and locations.

The following table provides a list of recommended geophysical surveying support subcontractors that can be used for utility-locating services:

Company Name and Address	Contact Name and Phone Number	Equipment ¹					Other Services ²		
		1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C
US Radar, Inc.* PO Box 319 Matawan, NJ 07747	Ron LaBarca 732-566-2035			4					
Utilities Search, Inc.*	Jim Davis 703-369-5758	4				4	4	4	4
So Deep, Inc.* 8397 Euclid Avenue Manassas Park, VA 20111	703-361-6005	4					4	4	4
Accurate Locating, Inc. 1327 Ashton Rd., Suite 101 Hanover, MD 21076	Ken Shipley 410-850-0280	4	4						
NAEVA Geophysics, Inc. P.O. Box 7325 Charlottesville, VA 22906	Alan Mazurowski 434-978-3187	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Earth Resources Technology, Inc. 8106 Stayton Rd. Jessup, MD 20794	Peter Li 240-554-0161	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	
Geophex, Ltd 605 Mercury Street Raleigh, NC 27603	I. J. Won 919-839-8515	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Notes:

*Companies denoted with an asterisk have demonstrated reluctance to assume responsibility for damage to underground utilities or an inability to accommodate the insurance requirements that CH2M HILL requests for this type of work at many Navy sites.

¹Equipment types are:

1. Simple electromagnetic instruments, usually hand-held
2. Other, more innovative, electromagnetic instruments, including larger instruments for more area coverage
3. Ground-penetrating radar systems of all kinds
4. Audio-frequency detectors of all kinds
5. Radio-frequency detectors of all kinds

²Other services include:

- A. Data interpretation and/or report preparation to provide a permanent record of the geophysical survey results and a professional interpretation of the findings, including expected accuracy and precision.
- B. Non-destructive excavation to field-verify the depths, locations, and types of subsurface utilities.
- C. Concrete/asphalt coring and pavement/surface restoration.

Attachment C – Equipment Used for Identifying Underground Utilities

This attachment provides a summary of the various types of equipment used for subsurface utility location. It describes the capabilities and limitations of each in order to help the AM and PM determine if the equipment being proposed by a subcontractor or Navy is adequate. A list of in-house experts that can be used to answer questions you may have is provided below.

CH2M HILL In-house Utility Location Experts

Tamir Klaff/WDC

Home Office Phone – 703-669-9611

Electromagnetic Induction (EMI) Methods

EMI instruments, in general, induce an electromagnetic field into the ground (the primary field) and then record the response (the secondary field), if any. Lateral changes in subsurface conductivity, such as caused by the presence of buried metal or by significant soil variations, cause changes in the secondary field recorded by the instrument and thus enable detection and mapping of the subsurface features. It should be noted that EMI only works for electrically conductive materials--plastic or PVC pipes are generally not detected with EMI. Water and gas lines are commonly plastic, although most new lines include a copper “locator” strip on the top of the PVC to allow for detection with EMI.

EMI technology encompasses a wide range of instruments, each with inherent strengths and weaknesses for particular applications. One major division of EMI is between “time-domain” and “frequency-domain” instruments that differ in the aspect of the secondary field they detect. Another difference in EMI instruments is the operating frequency they use to transmit the primary field. Audio- and radio-frequencies are often used for utility detection, although other frequencies are also used. Consideration of the type of utility expected, surface features that could interfere with detection, and the “congestion” of utilities in an area, should be made when choosing a particular EMI instrument for a particular site.

One common EMI tool used for utility location is a handheld unit that can be used to quickly scan an area for utilities and allows for marking locations in “real time”. This method is most commonly used by “dig-safe” contractors marking out known utilities prior to excavation. It should be noted that this method works best when a signal (the primary field) can be placed directly onto the line (i.e., by clamping or otherwise connecting to the end of the line visible at the surface, or for larger utilities such as sewers, by running a transmitter through the utility). These types of tools also have a limited capability to scan an area for unknown utilities. Usually this requires having enough area to separate a hand held transmitter at least a hundred feet from the

receiver. Whether hunting for unknown, or confirming known, utilities, this method will only detect continuous lengths of metallic conductors.

In addition to the handheld EMI units, larger, more powerful EMI tools are available that provide more comprehensive detection and mapping of subsurface features. Generally, data with these methods are collected on a regular grid in the investigation area, and are then analyzed to locate linear anomalies that can be interpreted as utilities. These methods will usually detect *all* subsurface metal (above a minimum size), including pieces of abandoned utilities. In addition, in some situations, backfill can be detected against native soils giving information on trenching and possible utility location. Drawbacks to these methods are that the secondary signals from utilities are often swamped (i.e., undetectable) close to buildings and other cultural features, and that the subsurface at heavily built-up sites may be too complicated to confidently interpret completely.

Hand-held metal detectors (treasure-finders) are usually based on EMI technology. They can be used to locate shallow buried metal associated with utilities (e.g., junctions, manholes, metallic locators). Advantages of these tools is the ease of use and real-time marking of anomalies. Drawbacks include limited depths of investigations and no data storage capacity.

Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)

GPR systems transmit radio and microwave frequency (e.g., 80 megaHertz to 1,000 megaHertz) waves into the ground and then record reflections of those waves coming back to the surface. Reflections of the radar waves typically occur at lithologic changes, subsurface discontinuities, and subsurface structures. Plastic and PVC pipes can sometimes be detected in GPR data, especially if they are shallow, large, and full of a contrasting material such as air in a wet soil, or water in a dry soil. GPR data are usually collected in regular patterns over an area and then analyzed for linear anomalies that can be interpreted as utilities. GPR is usually very accurate in x-y location of utilities, and can be calibrated at a site to give very accurate depth information as well. A significant drawback to GPR is that depth of investigation is highly dependant on background soil conductivity, and it will not work on all sites. It is not uncommon to get only 1-2 feet of penetration with the signal in damp, clayey environments. Another drawback to GPR is that sites containing significant fill material (e.g., concrete rubble, scrap metal, garbage) will result in complicated anomalies that are difficult or impossible to interpret.

Magnetic Field Methods

Magnetic field methods rely on detecting changes to the earth's magnetic field caused by ferrous metal objects. This method is usually more sensitive to magnetic metal (i.e., deeper detection) than EMI methods. A drawback to this method is it is more susceptible to being swamped by surface features such as fences and cars. In addition, procedures must usually be implemented that account for natural variations in the earth's background field as it changes throughout the day. One common use of the method is to measure and analyze the gradient of the magnetic field, which eliminates most of the drawbacks to the method. It should be noted this method only detects

ferrous metal, primarily iron and steel for utility location applications. Some utility detector combines magnetic and EMI methods into a single hand-held unit.

Optical Methods

Down the hole cameras may be useful in visually reviewing a pipe for empty conduits and/or vaults.

Attachment D – Utility Clearance Documentation Form

Attachment E – Utility Marking Color Codes

The following is the standard color code used by industry to mark various types of utilities and other features at a construction site.

White – Proposed excavations and borings

Pink – Temporary survey markings

Red – Electrical power lines, cables, conduits and lighting cables

Yellow – Gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials

Orange – Communication, alarm or signal lines, cables, or conduits

Blue – Potable water

Purple – Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines

Green – Sewer and storm drain lines

Buried Utility Location Tracking Form

(Submit to CH2M HILL PM within 24 hrs of location activities)

Project Location:

CH2M HILL Project No.:

CH2M HILL Project Manager: Name/Phone:

Fax:

Email:

CH2M HILL Field Team Leader: Name/Phone:

CH2M HILL Purchase Order:**Utility Location Subcontractor:**

Subcontractor POC:

Dates of location activities:[illegible]

The findings of the buried utility location activities summarized herein were conducted in strict accordance with the CH2M HILL scope of work.

Subcontractor's

Date _____

Decontamination of Personnel and Equipment

I. Purpose

To provide general guidelines for the decontamination of personnel, sampling equipment, and monitoring equipment used in potentially contaminated environments.

II. Scope

This is a general description of decontamination procedures.

III. Equipment and Materials

- Demonstrated analyte-free, deionized ("DI") water (specifically, ASTM Type II water or lab-grade DI water)
- Potable water; must be from a municipal water supplier, otherwise an analysis must be run for appropriate volatile and semivolatile organic compounds and inorganic chemicals (e.g., Target Compound List and Target Analyte List chemicals)
- 2.5% (W/W) Liquinox[®] and water solution
- Concentrated (V/V) pesticide grade isopropanol (DO NOT USE ACETONE)
- Large plastic pails or tubs for Liquinox[®] and water, scrub brushes, squirt bottles for Liquinox[®] solution, methanol and water, plastic bags and sheets
- DOT approved 55-gallon drum for disposal of waste
- Personal Protective Equipment as specified by the Health and Safety Plan
- Decontamination pad and steam cleaner/high pressure cleaner for large equipment

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

A. PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION

To be performed after completion of tasks whenever potential for contamination exists, and upon leaving the exclusion zone.

1. Wash boots in Liquinox® solution, then rinse with water. If disposable latex booties are worn over boots in the work area, rinse with Liquinox® solution, remove, and discard into DOT-approved 55-gallon drum.
2. Wash outer gloves in Liquinox® solution, rinse, remove, and discard into DOT-approved 55-gallon drum.
3. Remove disposable coveralls ("Tyveks") and discard into DOT-approved 55-gallon drum.
4. Remove respirator (if worn).
5. Remove inner gloves and discard.
6. At the end of the work day, shower entire body, including hair, either at the work site or at home.
7. Sanitize respirator if worn.

B. SAMPLING EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION – GROUNDWATER SAMPLING PUMPS

Sampling pumps are decontaminated after each use as follows.

1. Don phthalate-free gloves.
2. Spread plastic on the ground to keep equipment from touching the ground
3. Turn off pump after sampling. Remove pump from well and remove and dispose of tubing. Place pump in decontamination tube.
4. Turn pump back on and pump 1 gallon of Liquinox® solution through the sampling pump.
5. Rinse with 1 gallon of 10% isopropanol solution pumped through the pump. (DO NOT USE ACETONE). (Optional)
6. Rinse with 1 gallon of tap water.
7. Rinse with 1 gallon of deionized water.
8. Keep decontaminated pump in decontamination tube or remove and wrap in aluminum foil or clean plastic sheeting.
9. Collect all rinsate and dispose of in a DOT-approved 55-gallon drum.
10. Decontamination materials (e.g., plastic sheeting, tubing, etc.) that have come in contact with used decontamination fluids or sampling equipment will be disposed of in either DOT-approved 55-gallon drums or with solid waste in garbage bags, dependent on Facility/project requirements.

C. SAMPLING EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION – OTHER EQUIPMENT

Reusable sampling equipment is decontaminated after each use as follows.

1. Don phthalate-free gloves.
2. Before entering the potentially contaminated zone, wrap soil contact points in aluminum foil (shiny side out).
3. Rinse and scrub with potable water.
4. Wash all equipment surfaces that contacted the potentially contaminated soil/water with Liquinox® solution.
5. Rinse with potable water.
6. Rinse with distilled or potable water and isopropanol solution (DO NOT USE ACETONE). (Optional)
7. Air dry.
8. Rinse with deionized water.
9. Completely air dry and wrap exposed areas with aluminum foil (shiny side out) for transport and handling if equipment will not be used immediately.
10. Collect all rinsate and dispose of in a DOT-approved 55-gallon drum.
11. Decontamination materials (e.g., plastic sheeting, tubing, etc.) that have come in contact with used decontamination fluids or sampling equipment will be disposed of in DOT-approved 55-gallon drums or with solid waste in garbage bags, dependent on Facility/project requirements.

D. HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING EQUIPMENT DECONTAMINATION

1. Before use, wrap soil contact points in plastic to reduce need for subsequent cleaning.
2. Wipe all surfaces that had possible contact with contaminated materials with a paper towel wet with Liquinox® solution, then a towel wet with methanol solution, and finally three times with a towel wet with distilled water. Dispose of all used paper towels in a DOT-approved 55-gallon drum or with solid waste in garbage bags, dependent on Facility/project requirements.

E. SAMPLE CONTAINER DECONTAMINATION

The outsides of sample bottles or containers filled in the field may need to be decontaminated before being packed for shipment or handled by personnel without hand protection. The procedure is:

1. Wipe container with a paper towel dampened with Liquinox[®] solution or immerse in the solution AFTER THE CONTAINERS HAVE BEEN SEALED. Repeat the above steps using potable water.
2. Dispose of all used paper towels in a DOT-approved 55-gallon drum or with solid waste in garbage bags, dependent on Facility/project requirements.

F. HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Heavy equipment such as drilling rigs, drilling rods/tools, and the backhoe will be decontaminated upon arrival at the site and between locations as follows:

1. Set up a decontamination pad in area designated by the Facility
2. Steam clean heavy equipment until no visible signs of dirt are observed. This may require wire or stiff brushes to dislodge dirt from some areas.

V. Attachments

None.

VI. Key Checks and Items

- Clean with solutions of Liquinox[®], Liquinox[®] solution (optional), and distilled water.
- Do not use acetone for decontamination.
- Drum all contaminated rinsate and materials.
- Decontaminate filled sample bottles before relinquishing them to anyone.

Preparing Field Log Books

I. Purpose

This SOP provides general guidelines for entering field data into log books during site investigation and remediation activities.

II. Scope

This is a general description of data requirements and format for field log books. Log books are needed to properly document all field activities in support of data evaluation and possible legal activities.

III. Equipment and Materials

- Log book
- Indelible pen

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

Properly completed field log books are a requirement for much of the work we perform under the Navy CLEAN contract. Log books are legal documents and, as such, must be prepared following specific procedures and must contain required information to ensure their integrity and legitimacy. This SOP describes the basic requirements for field log book entries.

A. PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING FIELD LOG BOOKS

1. Field notes commonly are kept in bound, hard-cover logbooks used by surveyors and produced, for example, by Peninsular Publishing Company and SESCO, Inc. Pages should be water-resistant and notes should be taken only with water-proof, non-erasable permanent ink, such as that provided in Sanford Sharpie® permanent markers.
2. On the inside cover of the log book the following information should be included:
 - Company name and address
 - Log-holders name if log book was assigned specifically to that person
 - Activity or location

- Project name
 - Project manager's name
 - Phone numbers of the company, supervisors, emergency response, etc.
3. All lines of all pages should be used to prevent later additions of text, which could later be questioned. Any line not used should be marked through with a line and initialed and dated. Any pages not used should be marked through with a line, the author's initials, the date, and the note "Intentionally Left Blank."
 4. If errors are made in the log book, cross a single line through the error and enter the correct information. All corrections shall be initialed and dated by the personnel performing the correction. If possible, all corrections should be made by the individual who made the error.
 5. Daily entries will be made chronologically.
 6. Information will be recorded directly in the field log book during the work activity. Information will not be written on a separate sheet and then later transcribed into the log book.
 7. Each page of the log book will have the date of the work and the note takers initials.
 8. The final page of each day's notes will include the note-takers signature as well as the date.
 9. Only information relevant to the subject project will be added to the log book.
 10. The field notes will be copied and the copies sent to the Project Manager or designee in a timely manner (at least by the end of each week of work being performed).

B. INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN FIELD LOG BOOKS

1. Entries into the log book should be as detailed and descriptive as possible so that a particular situation can be recalled without reliance on the collector's memory. Entries must be legible and complete.
2. General project information will be recorded at the beginning of each field project. This will include the project title, the project number, and project staff.
3. Scope: Describe the general scope of work to be performed each day.
4. Weather: Record the weather conditions and any significant changes in the weather during the day.
5. Tail Gate Safety Meetings: Record time and location of meeting, who was present, topics discussed, issues/problems/concerns identified,

and corrective actions or adjustments made to address concerns/problems, and other pertinent information.

6. Standard Health and Safety Procedures: Record level of personal protection being used (e.g., level D PPE), record air monitoring data on a regular basis and note where data were recording (e.g., reading in borehole, reading in breathing zone, etc). Also record other required health and safety procedures as specified in the project specific health and safety plan.
7. Instrument Calibration; Record calibration information for each piece of health and safety and field equipment.
8. Personnel: Record names of all personnel present during field activities and list their roles and their affiliation. Record when personnel and visitors enter and leave a project site and their level of personal protection.
9. Communications: Record communications with project manager, subcontractors, regulators, facility personnel, and others that impact performance of the project.
10. Time: Keep a running time log explaining field activities as they occur chronologically throughout the day.
11. Deviations from the Work Plan: Record any deviations from the work plan and document why these were required and any communications authorizing these deviations.
12. Health and Safety Incidents: Record any health and safety incidents and immediately report any incidents to the Project Manager.
13. Subcontractor Information: Record name of company, record names and roles of subcontractor personnel, list type of equipment being used and general scope of work. List times of starting and stopping work and quantities of consumable equipment used if it is to be billed to the project.
14. Problems and Corrective Actions: Clearly describe any problems encountered during the field work and the corrective actions taken to address these problems.
15. Technical and Project Information: Describe the details of the work being performed. The technical information recorded will vary significantly between projects. The project work plan will describe the specific activities to be performed and may also list requirements for note taking. Discuss note-taking expectations with the Project Manager prior to beginning the field work.
16. Any conditions that might adversely affect the work or any data obtained (e.g., nearby construction that might have introduced excessive amounts of dust into the air).

17. Sampling Information; Specific information that will be relevant to most sampling jobs includes the following:
- Description of the general sampling area – site name, buildings and streets in the area, etc.
 - Station/Location identifier
 - Description of the sample location – estimate location in comparison to two fixed points – draw a diagram in the field log book indicating sample location relative to these fixed points – include distances in feet.
 - Sample matrix and type
 - Sample date and time
 - Sample identifier
 - Draw a box around the sample ID so that it stands out in the field notes
 - Information on how the sample was collected – distinguish between “grab,” “composite,” and “discrete” samples
 - Number and type of sample containers collected
 - Record of any field measurements taken (i.e. pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and temperature, and conductivity)
 - Parameters to be analyzed for, if appropriate
 - Descriptions of soil samples and drilling cuttings can be entered in depth sequence, along with PID readings and other observations. Include any unusual appearances of the samples.

C. SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR RECORDING FIELD DATA

1. Use the left side border to record times and the remainder of the page to record information (see attached example).
2. Use tables to record sampling information and field data from multiple samples.
3. Sketch sampling locations and other pertinent information.
4. Sketch well construction diagrams.

V. Attachments

Example field notes.

Chain-of-Custody

I Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to provide information on chain-of-custody procedures to be used under the CLEAN Program.

II Scope

This procedure describes the steps necessary for transferring samples through the use of Chain-of-Custody Records. A Chain-of-Custody Record is required, without exception, for the tracking and recording of samples collected for on-site or off-site analysis (chemical or geotechnical) during program activities (except wellhead samples taken for measurement of field parameters). Use of the Chain-of-Custody Record Form creates an accurate written record that can be used to trace the possession and handling of the sample from the moment of its collection through analysis. This procedure identifies the necessary custody records and describes their completion. This procedure does not take precedence over region specific or site-specific requirements for chain-of-custody.

III Definitions

Chain-of-Custody Record Form - A Chain-of-Custody Record Form is a printed two-part form that accompanies a sample or group of samples as custody of the sample(s) is transferred from one custodian to another custodian. One copy of the form must be retained in the project file.

Custodian - The person responsible for the custody of samples at a particular time, until custody is transferred to another person (and so documented), who then becomes custodian. A sample is under one's custody if:

- It is in one's actual possession.
- It is in one's view, after being in one's physical possession.
- It was in one's physical possession and then he/she locked it up to prevent tampering.
- It is in a designated and identified secure area.

Sample - A sample is physical evidence collected from a facility or the environment, which is representative of conditions at the point and time that it was collected.

IV. Procedures

The term “chain-of-custody” refers to procedures which ensure that evidence presented in a court of law is valid. The chain-of-custody procedures track the evidence from the time and place it is first obtained to the courtroom, as well as providing security for the evidence as it is moved and/or passed from the custody of one individual to another.

Chain-of-custody procedures, recordkeeping, and documentation are an important part of the management control of samples. Regulatory agencies must be able to provide the chain-of-possession and custody of any samples that are offered for evidence, or that form the basis of analytical test results introduced as evidence. Written procedures must be available and followed whenever evidence samples are collected, transferred, stored, analyzed, or destroyed.

Sample Identification

The method of identification of a sample depends on the type of measurement or analysis performed. When *in situ* measurements are made, the data are recorded directly in bound logbooks or other field data records with identifying information.

Information which shall be recorded in the field logbook, when in-situ measurements or samples for laboratory analysis are collected, includes:

- Field Sampler(s),
- Contract Task Order (CTO) Number,
- Project Sample Number,
- Sample location or sampling station number,
- Date and time of sample collection and/or measurement,
- Field observations,
- Equipment used to collect samples and measurements, and
- Calibration data for equipment used

Measurements and observations shall be recorded using waterproof ink.

Sample Label

Samples, other than for *in situ* measurements, are removed and transported from the sample location to a laboratory or other location for analysis. Before removal, however, a sample is often divided into portions, depending upon the analyses to be performed. Each portion is preserved in accordance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan. Each sample container is identified by a sample label (see Attachment A). Sample labels are provided, along with sample containers, by the analytical laboratory. The information recorded on the sample label includes:

- Project - CTO Number.
- Station Location - The unique sample number identifying this sample.
- Date - A six-digit number indicating the day, month, and year of sample collection (e.g., 08/21/12).

- Time - A four-digit number indicating the 24-hour time of collection (for example: 0954 is 9:54 a.m., and 1629 is 4:29 p.m.).
- Medium - Water, soil, sediment, sludge, waste, etc.
- Sample Type - Grab or composite.
- Preservation - Type and quantity of preservation added.
- Analysis - VOA, BNAs, PCBs, pesticides, metals, cyanide, other.
- Sampled By - Printed name of the sampler.
- Remarks - Any pertinent additional information.

Using only the work assignment number of the sample label maintains the anonymity of sites. This may be necessary, even to the extent of preventing the laboratory performing the analysis from knowing the identity of the site (e.g., if the laboratory is part of an organization that has performed previous work on the site). The field team should always follow the sample ID system prepared by the project EIS and reviewed by the Project Manager.

Chain-of-Custody Procedures

After collection, separation, identification, and preservation, the sample is maintained under chain-of-custody procedures until it is in the custody of the analytical laboratory and has been stored or disposed.

Field Custody Procedures

- Samples are collected as described in the site Sampling and Analysis Plan. Care must be taken to record precisely the sample location and to ensure that the sample number on the label matches the Chain-of-Custody Record exactly.
- A Chain-of-Custody Record will be prepared for each individual cooler shipped and will include *only* the samples contained within that particular cooler. The Chain-of-Custody Record for that cooler will then be sealed in a zip-log bag and placed in the cooler prior to sealing. This ensures that the laboratory properly attributes trip blanks with the correct cooler and allows for easier tracking should a cooler become lost during transit.
- The person undertaking the actual sampling in the field is responsible for the care and custody of the samples collected until they are properly transferred or dispatched.
- When photographs are taken of the sampling as part of the documentation procedure, the name of the photographer, date, time, site location, and site description are entered sequentially in the site logbook as photos are taken. Once downloaded to the server or developed, the electronic files or photographic prints shall be serially numbered, corresponding to the logbook descriptions; photographic prints will be stored in the project files. To identify sample

locations in photographs, an easily read sign with the appropriate sample location number should be included.

- Sample labels shall be completed for each sample, using waterproof ink unless prohibited by weather conditions (e.g., a logbook notation would explain that a pencil was used to fill out the sample label if the pen would not function in freezing weather.)

Transfer of Custody and Shipment

Samples are accompanied by a Chain-of-Custody Record Form. **A Chain-of-Custody Record Form must be completed for each cooler and should include only the samples contained within that cooler.** A Chain-of-Custody Record Form example is shown in Attachment B. When transferring the possession of samples, the individuals relinquishing and receiving will sign, date, and note the time on the Record. This Record documents sample custody transfer from the sampler, often through another person, to the analyst in the laboratory. The Chain-of-Custody Record is filled out as given below:

- Enter header information (CTO number, samplers, and project name).
- Enter sample specific information (sample number, media, sample analysis required and analytical method grab or composite, number and type of sample containers, and date/time sample was collected).
- Sign, date, and enter the time under “Relinquished by” entry.
- Have the person receiving the sample sign the “Received by” entry. If shipping samples by a common carrier, print the carrier to be used in this space (i.e., Federal Express).
- If a carrier is used, enter the airbill number under “Remarks,” in the bottom right corner;
- Place the original (top, signed copy) of the Chain-of-Custody Record Form in a plastic zipper-type bag or other appropriate sample-shipping package. Retain the copy with field records.
- Sign and date the custody seal, a 1-inch by 3-inch white paper label with black lettering and an adhesive backing. Attachment C is an example of a custody seal. The custody seal is part of the chain-of-custody process and is used to prevent tampering with samples after they have been collected in the field. Custody seals shall be provided by the analytical laboratory.
- Place the seal across the shipping container opening (front and back) so that it would be broken if the container were to be opened.
- Complete other carrier-required shipping papers.

The custody record is completed using waterproof ink. Any corrections are made by drawing a line through and initialing and dating the change, then entering the correct information. Erasures are not permitted.

Common carriers will usually not accept responsibility for handling Chain-of-Custody Record Forms; this necessitates packing the record in the shipping container (enclosed with other documentation in a plastic zipper-type bag). As long as custody forms are sealed inside the shipping container and the custody seals are intact, commercial carriers are not required to sign the custody form.

The laboratory representative who accepts the incoming sample shipment signs and dates the Chain-of-Custody Record, completing the sample transfer process. It is then the laboratory's responsibility to maintain internal logbooks and custody records throughout sample preparation and analysis.

V Quality Assurance Records

Once samples have been packaged and shipped, the Chain-of-Custody copy and airbill receipt become part of the quality assurance record.


VI Attachments

- A. Sample Label
- B. Chain of Custody Form
- C. Custody Seal

VII References

USEPA. *User's Guide to the Contract Laboratory Program*. Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, Washington, D.C. (EPA/540/P-91/002), January 1991.

Attachment A
Example Sample Label

	 Quality Analytical Laboratories, Inc. 2567 Fairlane Drive Montgomery, Alabama 36116 PH. (334)271-2440
	Client _____
	Sample No. _____
	Location _____
	Analysis _____
	Preservative HCL _____
	Date _____ By _____

CEIMIC CORPORATION 10 Dean Knauss Drive, Narragansett, R.I. 02882 • (401) 782-6900	
SITE NAME	DATE
ANALYSIS	TIME
	PRESERVATIVE
SAMPLE TYPE	
<input type="checkbox"/> Grab <input type="checkbox"/> Composite <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
COLLECTED BY:	

Attachment B
Example Chain-of-Custody Record

DISTRIBUTION: Original - LAB, Yellow - LAB, Pink - Client
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Attachment C
Example Custody Seal



CUSTODY SEAL

Date

Signature

Packaging and Shipping Procedures for Low-Concentration Samples

I. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this guideline is to describe the packaging and shipping of low-concentration samples of various media to a laboratory for analysis.

II. Scope

The guideline only discusses the packaging and shipping of samples that are anticipated to have low concentrations of chemical constituents. Whether or not samples should be classified as low-concentration or otherwise will depend upon the site history, observation of the samples in the field, odor, and photoionization-detector readings.

If the site is known to have produced high-concentration samples in the past or the sampler suspects that high concentrations of contaminants might be present in the samples, then the sampler should conservatively assume that the samples cannot be classified as low-concentration. Samples that are anticipated to have medium to high concentrations of constituents should be packaged and shipped accordingly.

If warranted, procedures for dangerous-goods shipping may be implemented. Dangerous goods and hazardous materials pose an unreasonable risk to health, safety, or property during transportation without special handling. As a result, only employees who are trained under CH2M HILL Dangerous Goods Shipping course may ship or transport dangerous goods. Employees should utilize the HAZMAT ShipRight tool on the Virtual Office and/or contact a designated CH2M HILL HazMat advisor with questions.

III. Equipment and Materials

- Coolers
- Clear tape
- "This Side Up" labels
- "Fragile" labels
- Vermiculite
- Ziplock bags or bubble wrap
- Ice
- Chain-of-Custody form (completed)
- Custody seals

IV. Procedures and Guidelines

Low-Concentration Samples

- A. Prepare coolers for shipment:
 - Tape drains shut.
 - Affix “This Side Up” labels on all four sides and “Fragile” labels on at least two sides of each cooler.
 - Place mailing label with laboratory address on top of coolers.
 - Fill bottom of coolers with about 3 inches of vermiculite or absorbent pads.
- B. Arrange decontaminated sample containers in groups by sample number. Consolidate VOC samples into one cooler to minimize the need for trip blanks.
- C. Affix appropriate adhesive sample labels to each container. Protect with clear label protection tape.
- D. Seal each sample bottle within a separate ziplock plastic bag or bubble wrap, if available. Tape the bag around bottle. Sample label should be visible through the bag.
- E. Arrange sample bottles in coolers so that they do not touch.
- F. If ice is required to preserve the samples, cubes should be repackaged in zip-lock bags and placed on and around the containers.
- G. Fill remaining spaces with vermiculite or absorbent pads.
- H. Complete and sign chain-of-custody form (or obtain signature) and indicate the time and date it was relinquished to Federal Express or the courier.
- J. Close lid and latch.
- K. Carefully peel custody seals from backings and place intact over lid openings (right front and left back). Cover seals with clear protection tape.
- L. Tape cooler shut on both ends, making several complete revolutions with strapping tape. Cover custody seals with tape to avoid seals being able to be peeled from the cooler.
- M. Relinquish to Federal Express or to a courier arranged with the laboratory. Place airbill receipt inside the mailing envelope and send to the sample documentation coordinator along with the other documentation.

Medium- and High-Concentration Samples:

Medium- and high-concentration samples are packaged using the same techniques used to package low-concentration samples, with potential additional restrictions. If applicable, the sample handler must refer to instructions associated with the shipping of dangerous goods for the necessary procedures for shipping by Federal Express or other overnight carrier. If warranted, procedures for dangerous-goods shipping may be implemented. Dangerous goods and hazardous materials pose an unreasonable risk to health, safety, or property during transportation without special handling. As a result, only employees who are trained under CH2M HILL Dangerous Goods Shipping course may ship or transport dangerous goods. Employees should utilize the HAZMAT ShipRight tool on the Virtual Office and/or contact a designated CH2M HILL HazMat advisor with questions.

V. Attachments

None.

VI. Key Checks and Items

- Be sure laboratory address is correct on the mailing label
- Pack sample bottles carefully, with adequate vermiculite or other packaging and without allowing bottles to touch
- Be sure there is adequate ice
- Include chain-of-custody form
- Include custody seals



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1.0 PURPOSE

This administrative procedure describes the major elements of the Radiation Protection Program for Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. (PESI). As applicable, this administrative procedure references sections in the Radiation Protection Plan and project procedures which describe the program in more detail.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

These program descriptions apply to personnel who plan, review, supervise, or perform work involving radiation protection activities during remediation.

3.0 REFERENCES

References are listed in the specific Project Procedures that comprise this Radiation Protection Program.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Radiation Work Permit (RWP): A document or series of documents prepared by Radiation Protection to inform workers of the radiological and industrial hygiene conditions that exist in the work area and the radiological requirements for the job.

Radioactive Material: Material activated or contaminated by the operation or remediation of the site and byproduct material procured and used to support the operation or remediation.

Radiological Area: Any area within a Restricted Area which require posting as a Radiation Area, Contamination Area, Airborne Radioactivity Area, High Contamination Area, or High Radiation Area.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

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5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

The RSO advises project management on all aspects of Radiation Protection and Operational Health Physics. The RSO directs all radiological safety activities on the project. The RSO has the authority to suspend operations and / or restrict personnel access at the project as a result of nonconformance to this SSHP, or other applicable regulations, and when radiological conditions change beyond the scope of an HWP. The RSO is responsible for:

- Implementing and ensuring compliance with RPP's policies and procedures.
- Inspect work activities to ensure operations, including off-normal activities, are being conducted according to the facility or project requirements, applicable federal regulations, and industry accepted As-Low-As-Reasonably-Achievable (ALARA) principles.
- Reviewing and approving work plans, Radiation Work Permits, and RPP procedures.
- Trending radiation work performance of project personnel including contamination and radiation exposure control.
- Identifying, reviewing, and documenting nonconformance, their causes and corrective actions for incidents associated with radiation protection.
- Ensuring an effective ALARA Program including conducting onsite radiation safety and health briefings.
- Ensuring documentation of any RPP safety violation.
- Reviewing survey data.
- Conducting briefings concerning radiological work activities.
- Ensuring that radiological records are complete, clear and legible, meet the intended purpose, and are regularly transmitted to document control for archive.
- Ensuring Restricted Areas are correctly identified, posted and marked.
- Performing or coordinating regular internal audits of the RPP.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technicians (RPTs)

RPTs report directly to the RSO. RPTs are assigned by the RSO to provide support to each major field activity for implementation of RPP requirements. RPTs provide guidance in RPP matters to field personnel. RPTs have stop-work authority for radiological safety matters and activities that could result in an unsafe condition being present. RPTs are responsible for the following:

- Conducting routine and job-specific radiological surveys (i.e., radiation, contamination, and airborne radioactivity).
- Establishing radiological postings.
- Implementing the personal protective equipment (PPE) and respiratory protection programs for the purpose of keeping radiation exposures ALARA.

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- Maintaining and operating portable Health Physics survey instrumentation used in the performance of Radiation Protection (RP) activities.
- Performing unconditional release surveys of material from the restricted area.
- Performing transportation radiological surveys according to applicable U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations.
- Assisting the SSHO with IH&S monitoring and inspections to a level commensurate with training and experience.

5.3 Project Supervisors

All Project Supervisors are responsible for:

- Ensuring personnel under their direction comply with RPP requirements.
- Providing information on projected work activities to the RPP organization.
- Notifying RP personnel of any radiological problems encountered.
- Ensuring workers are prepared for tasks with tools, equipment and training to minimize time spent in radiological areas.

5.4 Project Radiation Workers

All Project Radiation Workers and individuals entering radiologically controlled areas are responsible for:

- Obeying promptly “stop-work” and “evacuate” orders from RP personnel and the SSHO.
- Obeying posted, oral and written radiological control instructions and procedures, including instructions on Radiation Work Permits and those in the SSHP.
- Immediately reporting lost dosimetry devices to RP personnel.
- Reporting medical radiation treatments to the RSO and supervisor.
- Keeping track of personal radiation exposure status to ensure that administrative dose limits are not exceeded.
- Notifying RP personnel of faulty or alarming radiation protection equipment, and unsafe radiological conditions.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

None

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

None

8.0 APPARATUS

None

9.0 RECORDS

None

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10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 Radiation Protection Organization

1. The RPP Organization will provide appropriate personnel and resources to verify and maintain a radiologically safe working environment.
2. RPP staffing levels will be periodically reviewed to ensure that adequate staffing levels are maintained consistent with current and planned remediation activities.
3. The Project RPP Organization will have access to engineering and other personnel needed to support the Radiation Protection Program.
4. The development and control of RPP Project Procedures will be in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - Clearly defined scope, tasks, applicability, limiting conditions, precautions, consideration of special controls, reference to acceptance criteria and quality requirements.
 - Clearly understood text, using standard grammar, nomenclature and punctuation, concise instruction steps in a logical sequence, and references.
 - Review, approval, issuance, and control of changes and permanent revisions.

10.2 ALARA Program

All activities involving radiation and radioactive materials shall be conducted in such a manner that radiation exposure to workers and the general public are maintained As-Low-As-Reasonably-Achievable (ALARA), taking into account current technology and the economics of radiation exposure reduction in relationship to the benefits of health and safety. ALARA concepts are implemented throughout the entire RPP. ALARA-program requirements include:

1. Administrative controls and procedures endeavor to reduce individual and collective radiation exposures ALARA. Minimizing radiation exposure is accomplished by preliminary planning and scheduling, using proven and innovative engineering techniques and performing engineering reviews of proposed work plan changes.
2. Worker involvement and acceptance in minimizing radiation exposure is a key component of the ALARA Program. Workers are responsible to incorporate ALARA principles into work performance.
3. Work shall be planned in accordance with ALARA principles, involving input from discipline engineers, the project RPP staff and implementing supervisors.
4. An Embryo-Fetus Protection Program has been established for the Project and is specified in RPP-113, "Embryo-Fetus Protection"

10.3 Radiation Protection Audit Program

1. Internal / External Audits of the Radiation Protection Program should be performed, documented, and be of sufficient scope, depth, and frequency to

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identify and resolve actual or potential performance deficiencies before significant quality problems are encountered. Audit frequency and criteria is determined by the RSO and / or SSHO.

2. The RSO and / or SSHO shall perform an annual review of RPP content and implementation as specified in 10 CFR 20.1101(c).

10.4 External and Internal Dosimetry Program

Internal and external dosimetry and exposure control requirements are defined in the PESI Radiation Protection Plan and includes:

- A discussion of applicable regulatory limits for occupational workers and members of the public.
- ALARA goals.
- Monitoring requirements.
- Recordkeeping requirements.
- Reporting requirements for both normal operations and incidents.

10.5 Radiation Protection Instrumentation Program

All instrumentation used to measure radiation and radioactive material will be maintained in accordance with their respective technical manuals and operating procedures. This includes establishing criteria and requirements for the operation, calibration, response testing, maintenance, inventory and control of radiation protection instrumentation and equipment to comply with applicable regulations and conform with applicable ANSI standards. The Instrumentation Program is detailed by specific procedures including RP-108, RP-109, and RP-110.

10.6 Access Control Program

Access controls to radiological areas will be maintained at all times at the PESI. The administrative and physical measures used to control access to Restricted and/or Radiological Areas are established procedures RP-101, RP-102, and RP-103

10.7 Radiation Protection Surveillance Program

The Radiation Protection Surveillance Program provides for the conduct of radiological surveys in all areas controlled for the purpose of radiation and/or radioactivity. The Program encompasses both routine and non-routine surveys to be performed within the PESI. The specific requirements for conducting and documenting radiological surveys at the PESI are detailed in procedures RP-104, RP-105, RP-106, and RP-107

10.8 Radioactive Material Control Program

This Program provides guidance and requirements for control of radioactive materials. The Radioactive Material Control Program includes receipt, inventory, handling, and release of materials. It also provides for radioactive sealed source control, control of materials entering Restricted Areas and control of contaminated tools and equipment. The requirements of this program are established in RP-111

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10.9 Respiratory Protection Program

It is not expected that respirators will be widely used by PESI staff for radiation protection purposes at PESI. As such the Respiratory Protection Program will be administered by the SSHO in accordance with the PESI Site Safety and Health Plan. The SSHO will consult with the RSO when respiratory protection is required for radiological purposes.

10.10 Radiological Training

The Radiological Training is required for PESI employees and/or subcontractors who perform work near, or in areas controlled for the purpose of radiation and/or radioactive materials as defined in Section 8.1 of the PESI Radiation Protection Plan. There are two basic levels of training: General Employee Radiation Training for visitors and non-radiation workers, Radiation Worker Training for workers who access Restricted Areas.

10.11 Radiation Protection Records

Radiation Protection Records are routinely developed to document all aspects of the Radiation Protection Program. Records are generated using clear concise text using standard grammar and punctuation. Records are reviewed for adequacy and completeness and transmitted to the Document Control organization for long-term retention.



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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide consistent methodology for controlling the access of personnel, equipment, and vehicles into radiological areas.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to all Project personnel and visitors, equipment, and vehicles entering Restricted Areas.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers Inspection."
2. 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
3. Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)
4. RPP-102, "Radiological Posting Requirements."
5. RPP-103, "Radiation Work Permits Preparation and Use."
6. 29 CFR 1910.120, "Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response."

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4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Access controls are used to ensure the radiological safety of personnel entering into Restricted Areas. These controls include, but are not limited to Training, Dosimetry, Posting, Area Monitoring, and Radiation Work Permits (RWP).

4.2 Definitions

ALARA: Means as low as reasonably achievable.

GET: General Employee Training

GERT: General Employee Radiation Training

HAZWOPER: 40-Hour Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response training in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.120

Radiation Worker: An individual who accesses any Restricted Area unescorted. Radiation Workers shall have successfully completed all requisite medical and training requirements for performing work in Restricted Areas. **RPT:** Radiation Protection Technician

Radiation Work Permit (RWP): A document or series of documents prepared by the Radiation Protection Group to inform workers of the radiological, industrial hygiene and other safety conditions which exist in the work area and task-related radiological and other safety requirements.

RSO: Radiation Safety Officer

SSHO: Site Safety and Health Officer

SRD: Self-Reading Dosimeter

Visitor: An individual who accesses the project site for purposes other than for assignment as a Project Worker (e.g., site visit, performance of an essential short-term task).

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Site Safety & Health Officer (SSHO)

- The SSHO is responsible for ensuring that all activities performed within this procedure conform to the requirements of the PESI Site Safety & Health Plan (SSHP).
- Authorizing escorted visitor entries into Restricted Areas. This responsibility may be designated.
- Evaluating visitor entries to Restricted Areas to minimize or eliminate exposure risk to personnel who lack adequate training.

5.2 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Implementing this procedure.
- Approving RWPs to control access to Restricted Areas.
- Reviewing and approving training programs related to work in Restricted Areas.
- Implementing the requirements of the PESI Radiological Protection Program.
- Providing direction to the Project Personnel regarding radiological matters.

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- Authorizing escorted visitor entries into Restricted Areas. This responsibility may be designated.
- Evaluating visitor entries to Restricted Areas to minimize or eliminate exposure risk to personnel who lack adequate training.

5.3 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Identifying and posting Restricted Areas.
- Providing RWP briefings to individuals entering Restricted Areas.
- Conducting radiation and contamination surveys, and keeping legible records.
- Monitoring work activities to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Radiological Protection Program.

5.4 Project Supervisor

- Ensuring that personnel assigned to work in Restricted Areas or with radioactive material, attend required training and perform work in a radiologically sound and safe manner.
- Contacting the RSO or designee, to obtain approval to bring escorted visitors into Restricted Areas.
- Notifying the RSO or designee, in advance (when possible) of the need to bring any non-project owned equipment / vehicles into the Restricted Area to arrange for baseline contamination surveys.

5.5 Project Personnel

- Attending designated training classes.
- Following directions from the RPT with regards to Safety and Health.
- Maintaining their personnel exposures ALARA.
- Limiting the amount of material taken into Restricted Areas to that necessary for task performance.
- Working in a manner so as to prevent spread of contamination and reduce airborne radiological emissions to the extent possible.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

6.1 Individuals requiring unescorted access into a Restricted Area shall submit the following documentation to the RSO **prior** to entry:

- Evidence of initial 40-Hour and 8-Hour Refresher OSHA HAZWOPER Training (if applicable)
- Current medical examination performed within the past 12 months.
- Evidence of successful completion of Site Orientation Training (GET/GERT) and Radiation Worker Training (RWT).

6.2 Individuals requiring unescorted access into a Restricted Area shall meet the requirements for Restricted Area access and have the following at a minimum:

- Thermoluminescence Dosimeter (TLD) or Self-Reading Dosimeter (SRD).
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) specified by posting and/or RWP.

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6.3 Visitor access into Restricted Areas is limited to essential tasks which meet all of the following requirements:

- The task cannot be performed by appropriately trained Project Personnel
- The task is time critical in nature and would have a negative impact on safety & health or project operations if not performed.
- The task cannot be deferred until the Restricted Area is remediated or down posted.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- No unessential visitors shall be allowed access to the restricted areas.
- Visitors shall receive visitor specific site orientation training prior to accessing a restricted area. Training shall be documented.
- Personnel, equipment, and vehicle entry control shall be maintained for each radiological area.
- No radiological control(s) shall be installed in any area that would prevent the rapid evacuation of personnel in an emergency situation.
- Trained emergency response personnel (Fire Dept., Ambulance/EMT, Law Enforcement) responding to on-site emergencies are exempt from the requirements of this procedure.
- Any member of the public exposed to radiation and / or radioactive material shall not exceed 0.1 rem Total Effective Dose Equivalent per year.
- All visitors entering into a Restricted Area shall be escorted at all times by a qualified radiation worker. The RSO and SSHO or designee(s) shall approve these entries. The escort is responsible for visitor compliance with site protocols.
- Visitors may not enter a posted High Contamination Area, Radiation Area, High Radiation Area, or Airborne Radioactivity Area.
- Visitors shall not perform any work of an intrusive nature (i.e., digging, drilling, sampling, etc.) or an abrasive nature (i.e., welding, sanding, grinding, etc.) in Controlled Areas unless evaluated and approved by the RSO or designee.
- Visitors may only enter those areas where hazardous atmospheres do not exceed 50% of the Permissible Exposure Limit and where radiation exposures would not exceed the annual dose limit to a member of the public as specified in 10 CFR 20.
- The RSO shall ensure that risk of exposure to hazardous materials is minimized or eliminated prior to authorizing visitor entry into Restricted Areas. No work of an intrusive nature that may produce radioactive airborne particulates shall take place during visitor access to a restricted area.
- Visitors shall not be allowed to come into contact with tools, vehicles or materials that are contaminated above the release levels established in the SSHP.
- Project personnel who are required to escort individuals into a Restricted Area shall have successfully completed Radiation Worker Training (RWT), which includes training on the requirements of this procedure, and have a demonstrated knowledge of the site layout, site history, and emergency response protocols.

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- Project personnel who are required to escort individuals into a Restricted Area shall ensure the visitors complete the “PESI Visitor Access Control Form” (see Attachment 1).
- RPTs shall perform exit frisking of visitors from Restricted Areas when frisking is required by RWP. Visitor access times and dates, PPE, controls and conditions shall be documented.

8.0 APPARATUS

None

9.0 RECORDS

- PESI Visitor Access Control Form
- RWP Access Registers are maintained under separate procedure.
- Quality Records generated under this procedure submitted to Document Control.

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 Restricted Areas

1. Enter the Restricted Area **ONLY** through the designated Access Control Point unless instructed otherwise by the RPT.
2. Inform the Access Control Point RPT of the nature of your work in the Restricted Area. Provide details as requested by the RPT.
3. Adhere to the requirements of Section 10.2 of this procedure if taking equipment or vehicles into the Restricted Area.
4. Review the applicable RWP and assemble and dress in the appropriate PPE.
5. Sign-in on the RWP Access Register. Signatures must be clear and legible, and must be accompanied by time of access.
6. Conduct all activities in a safe manner while working in the Restricted Area. Adhere to established safety and housekeeping protocols.
7. Exit the Restricted Area **ONLY** through the Access Control Point unless instructed otherwise by the RPT. Perform an exit frisk as required by RWP.
8. Sign-out on the appropriate RWP Access Register. Signatures must be clear and legible, and must be accompanied by time of egress.

10.2 Equipment and Vehicles Entering and Exiting Restricted Areas

1. Notify the RPT of any equipment / vehicles that need to be taken into a Restricted Area. Incoming surveys are performed on equipment and materials entering Restricted Areas. The purpose is to protect the client from financial liability associated with decontaminating equipment that arrived on the site with existing contamination. The decision regarding what must be surveyed will be made by the RSO. The degree of thoroughness of the survey and the requisite cleanliness of the equipment is at the discretion of the RSO.
2. Bring only the required equipment / supplies necessary for the task into the Restricted Area.

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3. When practicable, use contamination prevention methods such as wrapping or sleeving of equipment taken into a CA or ARA.
4. Remove as much packaging material as possible (i.e., plastic or cardboard) prior to entering a Restricted Area.
5. Notify the RPT of any equipment / vehicles that need to be removed from a Restricted Area.

10.3 Visitor Escorts

1. Discuss planned activities, work locations, and site hazards with the Visitor. Discuss any restrictions on where the Visitor may go and what the Visitor may do within the Restricted Areas. Define the obligations of the Visitor with respect to following instructions of the escort and of safety personnel.
2. Provide the Visitor with a copy of the PESI Visitor Access Control Form (Attachment 1).
3. Instruct the Visitor to review the form, complete the top portion, and sign.
4. Answer any questions the Visitor may have. RP personnel are available to answer questions as needed.
5. Sign the PESI Visitor Access Control Form acknowledging escort responsibilities.
6. Obtain RSO and SSHO signature permitting Restricted Area access.
7. Give completed form to RP Personnel.
8. RP Personnel should assign a personnel dosimeter to the Visitor or group of visitors (this is a TLD unless otherwise instructed by the RSO). Note Self-Reading Dosimeter (SRD) in/out readings, if used, on the RWP Access Register.
9. Review the appropriate RWP with the Visitor, and ensure the Visitor dons PPE and signs and records the time of entry onto the RWP Access Register.
10. Escort the Visitor into the Restricted Area observing all escort responsibilities.
11. Upon completion of activities, assist visitor with PPE removal, and RWP sign-out. An RPT will perform the exit frisking.
12. Escort the Visitor out of the Restricted Area.
13. Take the personnel dosimeter and give it to the RP personnel. RP Personnel shall notify the RSO immediately if SRD readings indicate a personnel exposure.

11.0 ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 PESI Visitor Access Control Form (FRONT & BACK)

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ATTACHMENT 1
PESI VISITOR ACCESS CONTROL FORM (FRONT)

Name _____ Representing _____

SSN _____ - _____ - _____ Mailing Address _____

Some work at the PESI involves exposure to hazardous environments, radiation or radioactive materials. In keeping with the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations Title 10, Part 19, this is to inform you of the extent of the hazards to which you may be exposed.

Radiation and radioactive materials on this project site are confined within clearly posted and delineated areas. Other hazardous materials may be present in these areas. Signs in these areas are magenta or purple and yellow in color and contain the international symbol for radiation, a trefoil or **three-bladed design**.
(ESCORT: SHOW VISITOR AN EXAMPLE OF A RADIOLOGICAL POSTING).

During your visit, you will be provided with an escort. You must remain with your escort at all times. In the unlikely event of an incident involving radioactive or other hazardous materials, your escort will provide you with instructions. Comply with the instructions of your escort. If exit frisking is required by the RWP, Radiation Protection Personnel will perform the exit frisk.

Do not enter any areas posted "RADIATION AREA" "HIGH CONTAMINATION AREA" or "AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY AREA."

Do not perform work of an intrusive nature (i.e., digging, drilling, sampling, etc.) or any abrasive work (i.e., welding, sanding, grinding, etc.) without specific written approval of the RSO.

Nuclear Regulatory Guide 8.13, "Instructions Concerning Pre-natal Radiation Exposure" is available for review upon request.

Address any questions you may have to your escort or to the person you are visiting. Questions may also be directed to the Safety & Health Department.

I have read and understand the above. I agree to comply with the terms of this form.

Visitor Signature

Date

I have reviewed the above with the visitor and agree to comply in full with PESI established radiological escort protocols including, but not limited to, those specific requirements specified on the back of this form.

Escort Signature

Date

Restricted Area Access Authorized:

RSO or designee Signature

Date

SSHO or designee Signature

Date

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE PRESENT ON THIS FORM PRIOR TO RESTRICTED AREA ACCESS!

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ATTACHMENT 1 (BACK OF FORM)
PESI VISITOR ACCESS CONTROL FORM

SSHO/RSO Requirements to Minimize or Eliminate Exposure Risks:

SSHO/RSO Remarks:

SSHO Initials: _____ RSO Initials: _____



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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide consistent methodology for posting requirements for various radiological hazard areas on PESI Projects.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to all which require radiological postings.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 19, "Notices, Instructions, and Reports to Workers; Inspection."
2. 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
3. Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Radiological postings are used to delineate areas containing radiological hazards and to inform personnel of hazards. In addition, supplemental or informational postings may be included which provide personnel with entry requirements or protective equipment requirements. Barriers may be used in conjunction with postings to ensure that personnel do not inadvertently enter into an area with a radiological hazard. Barriers at the PESI and the vicinity properties are normally composed of rope, tape, or fencing.

4.2 Definitions

Posting: A standardized sign or label which bears the standard trefoil radiation symbol in magenta or black on a yellow background and information concerning a specific radiological hazard.

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5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Site Safety & Health Officer (SSHO)

- The SSHO is responsible for ensuring all activities performed within this procedure conform to the requirements of the SSHP.

5.2 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Implementation of this procedure.
- Reviewing pertinent survey data and making periodic tours to verify all areas within the PESI are properly posted.
- Authorizing the de-posting or down-posting of areas.
- Providing technical direction to the Radiation Protection Technicians (RPTs).

5.3 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Directing the placement of radiological postings and barriers.
- Performing periodic radiation / contamination surveys to ensure radiological conditions have not changed.

5.4 Project Supervisor

- Ensuring that personnel working in their particular area obey all radiological postings.

5.5 Project Personnel

- Obeying all radiological postings.
- Following directions from the RPT with regards to radiological postings.
- Maintaining their personnel exposures as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).

6.0 PREREQUISITES

RPTs will be trained to assess and recognize the various radiological hazards present at the PESI.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Barriers and other means shall be used as required to maintain control of areas requiring posting.
- At a minimum, all access / egress points to areas requiring radiological posting shall be conspicuously posted with the appropriate signs which includes area descriptions and specific requirements for entry.
- Appropriate signs should be placed approximately every 40 feet around the perimeter of a posted area. At least one sign should be placed on each side of an area's boundary, visible from any normal avenue of approach. These signs require only area identifiers (e.g., Restricted Area, Radioactive Materials Area, Radiation Area, etc.) in addition to the standard "Caution" or "Warning" and the tre-foil.
- An RPT with the appropriate field survey instrumentation may serve as the radiological posting in situations where the task is of a short duration or at the discretion of the RSO.
- No radiological control(s) shall be installed in any area that would prevent the rapid evacuation of personnel in an emergency situation.

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- Trained emergency response personnel (Fire Dept, Ambulance / EMT, Law Enforcement) responding to on-site emergencies are exempt from the requirements of this procedure.
- Postings should be as clear and concise as possible to prevent confusion on the part of personnel desiring to enter an area.
- Postings should not be hung from ladders, electrical wire, switches, vehicles, or any other item that could be damaged, moved, or could cause injury to personnel.
- If more than one level of radiological posting is required in an area, posting for each unique condition shall be identified starting with the highest hazard potential. However, it is not required to post areas with area identifiers that are superseded by postings identifying a higher hazard potential (e.g., posting a Contamination Area as a Radioactive Materials Area, etc.).
- Radiological postings shall not be moved or altered without approval from the RSO or the RPT covering the work.

8.0 APPARATUS

- Yellow and magenta barrier supplies (e.g., rad-rope, rad-tape, rad-ribbon, etc.)
- Signs and inserts as required
- Radioactive Material Labels or tags
- Stands or Stanchions

9.0 RECORDS

All surveys performed for radiological posting placement will be forwarded to project document control.

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 Controlled Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Controlled Area shall be posted with the words “CONTROLLED AREA,” or “US GOVERNMENT PROPERTY” plus any additional verbiage deemed appropriate by Project Management.

10.2 Restricted Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Restricted Area shall be posted with the words “RESTRICTED AREA.”

10.3 Contamination Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Contamination Area shall be posted with the words “CAUTION, CONTAMINATION AREA,” and with the words “RESTRICTED AREA,” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

10.4 High Contamination Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Contamination Area shall be posted with the words “CAUTION, HIGH CONTAMINATION AREA,” and with the words “RESTRICTED AREA,” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

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10.5 Radiation Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Radiation Area shall be posted with the words “CAUTION, RADIATION AREA” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

10.6 High Radiation Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a High Radiation Area shall be posted with the words “DANGER, HIGH RADIATION AREA” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

10.7 Radioactive Materials Areas

All access points to areas meeting the definition of a Radioactive Materials Area shall be posted with the words “CAUTION, RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AREA” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

10.8 Airborne Radioactivity Area

All access points to areas meeting the definition of an Airborne Radioactivity Area shall be posted with the words “CAUTION, AIRBORNE RADIOACTIVITY AREA” as well as any special instructions deemed necessary by the RSO.

10.9 Posting / De-Posting / Down-Posting

Posting, De-posting, and Down-posting activities should be noted in the appropriate technician logbook with reference to applicable survey number(s).

11.0 ATTACHMENTS

None



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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure describes the conditions under which a Radiation Work Permit (RWP) is required on PESI Projects. This procedure establishes consistent methodology and responsibilities for developing, utilizing and terminating an RWP. The procedure also describes the functions of the RWP (a sample is given in Attachment 1).

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to RWP requests, preparation, use, and termination. All personnel working on a task for which a RWP is required are required to comply with its conditions.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Section 30255, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers, Inspections, and Investigations."
2. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
3. RP-101, "Access Control."

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Airborne Radioactivity Area: Means any area where the measured concentrations of airborne radioactivity above natural background exceed, or are likely to exceed, 25% of the Derived Air Concentration (DAC) values identified in Section 6.0 of the Radiation Protection Plan; and as listed in 10 CFR 20, Appendix B, Table I, Column 3

Contamination Area (CA): Means any area accessible to personnel with loose surface contamination values in excess of the values specified in the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Radiation Protection Manual, "Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels," (also refer to Table 1 of the Radiation Protection Plan; and procedure RPP-104, "Radiological Surveys,") or any additional area specified by the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). The

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Contamination Area posting requirement is more restrictive than the Radioactive Material Area posting requirement. Any area posted as a Contamination Area shall also be considered to be a Radioactive Materials Area.

Radiation Work Permit (RWP): Means a document or series of documents prepared by Radiation Protection to inform workers of the radiological and industrial hygiene conditions which exist in the work area and the radiological requirements for the job.

Radiation Area (RA): Means any area, accessible to personnel, where the whole body dose rate exceeds 5 mrem/hr but less than 100 mrem/hr at 30 cm from the source.

Radiological Area: Any area within a Restricted Area which require posting as a Radiation Area, Contamination Area, Airborne Radioactivity Area, High Contamination Area, or High Radiation Area.

High Radiation Area (HRA): Means any area accessible to personnel where the whole body dose rate exceeds 100 mrem/hr at 30 cm (12 inches) from the radiation source.

Radioactive Materials Area (RMA): Any area or room where quantities of radioactive materials in excess of 10 times the 10 CFR 20, Appendix C quantities are used or stored, or any area designated by the RSO which does not exceed the site Contamination Area criteria.

Restricted Area: Means any area to which access is limited by Project Management for the purpose of protecting individuals against exposure to radiation and radioactive materials.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Implementation of this procedure.
- Approving all protective measures incorporated into the RWP with regards to Radiological Safety.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Conducting radiation and contamination surveys and keeping legible records.
- Preparing RWPs to control access to and activities in radiological areas.
- Monitoring worker compliance with RWP requirements.

5.3 Project Personnel

- Reviewing the correct RWP for the task to be performed.
- Accurately and legibly completing required information on the RWP Access Register.
- Observing radiological postings.
- Obeying oral and written radiological and industrial hygiene control instructions and procedures, including instructions on RWPs.
- Maintaining an awareness of radiological and industrial hygiene conditions in the work area.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

1. A RWP shall be required for the following:
 - All tasks requiring entries into Radiological Areas.

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- As specified by the RSO or their designees.
2. Prior to use of an RWP, the RSO or designee shall:
 - Define an access location appropriate for the RWP.
 - Review the inventory at the applicable Access Control Points and shall verify that Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), instruments and other safety-related equipment necessary to support the requirements of the RWP are available.
 3. Prior to entry, all personnel working under an RWP must:
 - Satisfy medical and training requirements as established in the Access Control procedure.
 - Be adequately briefed by the Radiation Protection Group regarding:
 - Work to be performed and the associated RWP requirements.
 - Safety procedures to be followed for its completion.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Personnel shall not deviate from the requirements, precautions, or other instructions on the RWP without authorization from the RSO or designees.
- A copy of the RWP shall be posted at the work site. The original shall remain at a central location (Safety and Health office). Associated support documents containing environmental conditions (soil activities, contamination surveys, etc.) shall be maintained by the RSO and are available upon request.
- An RWP is not required when responding to emergency situations where serious consequences could result if time were taken to prepare the RWP.

8.0 APPARATUS

None

9.0 RECORDS

- Hazardous Work Permit (RWP)
- Hazardous Work Permit Access Register

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 Active RWP Use

1. The RP group will activate the RWP upon review and signature by the RSO.
2. A copy of active RWPs will be maintained at applicable Access Control Points.
3. The RSO or designee shall review the inventory and shall verify that PPE, instruments and other safety-related equipment necessary to support the requirements of the RWP are available at the applicable Access Control Points. Inventory reviews shall also be performed, as necessary, during the course of work on the RWP.
4. All workers who will be working on tasks supported by an RWP will be provided an initial briefing on the RWP by a Safety and Health representative:

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- Upon their entry on the RWP.
 - Upon initial entry following revision of a RWP.
 - When significant changes occur in the work area.
5. The purpose of the briefing is to ensure:
 - All Safety and Health conditions, requirements, special precautions, are fully understood by the workers.
 - Ensure that all anticipated tools, materials, and equipment are assembled for the work.
 - Ensure that work party members have been issued any radiological monitoring or protective devices specified for the work.
 6. All personnel will read and verify that they understand and agree to comply with the terms of the RWP by signing in on the RWP Access Register (Attachment 2).
 7. While working under an RWP, personnel are responsible to know and understand:
 - The tasks that fall under the RWP.
 - Procedural controls and precautions taken to:
 - Reduce spread of contamination.
 - Reduce airborne emissions of radionuclides.
 - Reduce dose to workers and the public as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).
 - Requirements to apply the sound radiological and safe work practices taught in indoctrination and continuing training.
 8. The RSO or the attending RPT have stop work authority for all phases of work under an RWP. Stop work authority can be implemented when personnel safety is jeopardized due to:
 - A change in the radiological (or other hazard) environment occurs, requiring additional controls and / or precautions.
 - If poor work practices are employed.
 - If RWP, ALARA, or procedural controls and / or precautions are violated.
 9. Personnel shall sign in / out on the RWP Access Register for each entry into and egress from an area including when exiting the area for short break periods and when transferring to work on a different RWP.
 10. Upon completion of work or at the end of the shift the Work Party Supervisor shall ensure that:
 - Access Control Point and Work Area conditions are satisfactory. This includes housekeeping, safe storage of equipment, ensuring any required contamination control measures are implemented, and accurate completion of RWP Access Registers.

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- All radiological and Industrial Hygiene monitoring and protection devices that were issued have been returned to the Safety and Health (S&H) Group.

10.2 Termination of RWP

1. If the work was not or cannot be completed within the duration period of the RWP, an extension of the RWP should be requested.
2. An RWP is considered “terminated upon:
 - Signature by the RSO, or designee(s) in the appropriate section on the **original** RWP.
 - If the duration period for the RWP is been exceeded and the RWP was not extended.
3. Upon Completion of an RWP task, the Work Party Supervisor shall ensure that:
 - Access Control Point and Work Area conditions are satisfactory. This includes housekeeping, safe storage of equipment, ensuring any required contamination control measures are implemented, and accurate completion of RWP Access Registers.
 - All radiological and Industrial Hygiene monitoring and protection devices that were issued have been returned to the RP Group.
4. Upon completion of the job, the RWP copy and RWP Access register shall be returned to the RP Group for disposition.
5. Completed RWP forms (originals) and RWP Access Registers are quality records. These documents shall be maintained by the RP Group until transmitted to Project Records.

11.0 ATTACHMENTS

Note: Attachments may be revised without formal review of this procedure and are attached as examples only. Please contact the RSO for a current copy of these attachments.

Attachment 1 Radiation Work Permit (Typical)

Attachment 2 Radiation Work Permit Access Register (Typical)

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Attachment 1 (Typical)

PESI RADIATION WORK PERMIT (RWP)		NO. - 			
		Revision Number 			
WORK DESCRIPTION: 	WORK LOCATION(S): 				
	Start Date /Time: 				
	Est. Completion Date: 				
	Requested by: 				
	Request Date: 				
HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS					
IS A RADIOLOGICAL / ALARA REVIEW REQUIRED ? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>					
I.H. LIMITS:	RADIOLOGICAL LIMITS	CURRENT CONDITIONS			
O₂:	Exposure Rate:	<i>IH/Rad conditions are evaluated by Safety & Health personnel, as necessary, during job coverage. The adjacent IH/Rad limits are the maximum allowed by this RWP.</i>			
LeL:	Alpha Contamination:				
Org. Vapors:					
DUST:	General Area Airborne:				
H₂S:	Limiting Isotope / DAC Value:				
REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT (PPE)					
HEAD / EYES	FEET / LEGS	BODY			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hard Hat <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Monogoggles <input type="checkbox"/> Face Shield	<input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy Work Shoes <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable Shoe Covers <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Over Shoes / Boots <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Coveralls <input type="checkbox"/> Tyvek Coveralls (Regular) <input type="checkbox"/> Tyvek Coveralls (Coated) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
RESPIRATORY	HANDS	MISCELLANEOUS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Face (Negative Pressure) * <input type="checkbox"/> Powered Air Purifying* * Specify Cartridge or Canister Type Below <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton / Work Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Nitrile Surgeons Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber Gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):	<input type="checkbox"/> Tape Gloves & Boots to Coveralls <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)			
ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS / SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS / MONITORING REQUIREMENTS					
Additional Requirements	Special Instructions	Dosimetry	Indiv.		
<input type="checkbox"/> "Buddy System" in Effect <input type="checkbox"/> S&H Tech Job Coverage (Intermittent / Continuous) <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Space Entry Permit <input type="checkbox"/> HotWork Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Lockout-Tagout Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Review MSDS <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Communication Method (Radio / Voice) <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Eyewash Station <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Entry Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> S&H Tech Notification Prior to Work (Daily / Each Entry) <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Frisking Required (Whole-Body / Hand & Feet) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____		TLD Badge			
		Extremity TLD			
		Other (Specify):			
		Air Monitoring	Indiv.	Group	
		Lapel-Breathing Zone			
		Low Volume			
		Dust			
		PID / FID			
		4 Gas			
		Expiration Date/Time: This permit will be reviewed for revision as conditions change and at 1-year from date of implementation.			
		APPROVALS	DATE	TERMINATION	DATE
		RSO		RSO or SSHO	
SSHO		Reason:			



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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure establishes consistent methodology for performing radiation and contamination surveys at Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) facilities and projects.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure is applicable to all personnel trained and qualified to perform radiation and contamination surveys at PESI.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
2. PESI "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"
3. RP-101, "Access Control."
4. RP-105, "Unrestricted Release of Requirements."
5. RP-106, "Survey Documentation and Review"

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Radiological surveys are performed to detect and assess radiological conditions, which may be encountered at PESI.

4.2 Definitions

Contact Dose Rate: A radiation dose rate as measured at contact or within 1/2 inch of the surface being measured.

CPM: Counts per minute

Dose Rate: The quantity of absorbed dose delivered per unit of time.

DPM: Disintegrations per minute

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General Area Dose Rate (GA Dose Rate): The highest radiation dose rate accessible to any portion of the whole body measured at a distance of 30 cm (12 inches) from a significant radiation source or combination of sources.

LAW: Large area Wipe (i.e., Masslinn)

MDA: Minimum Detectable Activity

Survey: An evaluation of the radiation hazards incident to the production, use, release, disposal, or presence of radioactive materials or other sources of ionizing radiation under a specific set of conditions.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Implementation of this procedure.
- Ensuring appropriate radiation surveys are performed to measure and document radiation levels.
- Ensuring all completed surveys are adequately reviewed.
- Providing technical direction to the RPTs.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Conducting and documenting radiation surveys.
- Performing all necessary pre / post use operability checks.
- Creating neat, legible, and concise records.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

- Prior to performing a radiation survey, personnel should review previous survey data and familiarize themselves with possible radiological hazards.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be appropriate for the level of contamination expected and shall be in compliance with Site Safety & Health Plan (SSHP), Radiation Work Permits (RWPs), or other work specific controlling documents. At a minimum, gloves or tweezers should be used when handling swipes.
- Direct probe surveys may be used to demonstrate compliance with removable limits given in Attachment 1 (Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels), and discussed in RPP-105, "Unrestricted Release of Requirements." When instrumentation is used in this manner it should be capable of achieving the removable minimum detectable count (MDC) requirements.
- Surface contamination limits are contained in Attachment 1.
- Instruments used in surveys should be capable of achieving a Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA) that is less than the applicable release limits.
- In high background areas it may not be possible to achieve the required survey MDAs for beta / gamma instruments.

8.0 APPARATUS

- Radiation and contamination survey instruments

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- Smears
- Masslinn
- Personal Protection Equipment

9.0 RECORDS

Survey documentation to be completed per RPP-106, "Survey Documentation and Review."

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 General Instructions

1. Select the survey instrument based on the anticipated hazards and dose rates as determined by a review of previous survey data and ongoing work activities.
2. Perform pre-operational and response checks in accordance with the operating procedures for the instrument.
3. Remove any defective instrument from service.
4. Obtain survey forms and any other material required to document survey results.
5. Contamination Surveys are normally done for alpha emitting constituents. In certain circumstances the RSO can dictate that a survey be performed for both alpha and beta emitting constituents.

10.2 Routine Survey Frequencies

1. The RSO shall specify areas for routine monitoring surveys and the frequency of such surveys. The RSO should maintain a routine survey frequency schedule. The schedule is NOT considered a record, and does not need to be retained.
2. The following areas should be considered for a routine survey on a DAILY basis:
 - Access Control Points.
 - Designated eating, drinking, and smoking areas within Restricted Areas.
 - Radiological Counting Labs and sample prep areas.
 - Any other area specified by the RSO.
3. The following areas should be considered for a routine survey on a WEEKLY basis:
 - High Traffic areas on the PESI Site.
 - Operating high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) exhaust areas.
 - Highly occupied areas within the radioactive Materials Area that could be a source of personnel contamination or an intake of radioactive materials (e.g., the boot change area, equipment floorboards, and workshops).
4. The following areas and equipment should be considered for a routine survey on a MONTHLY basis:
 - Occupied offices.
 - Storage areas.

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- Occupied areas within the radioactive Materials Area that could be a source of personnel contamination or an intake of radioactive materials (e.g., equipment storage areas).
5. The following should be done on an as-needed basis:
- Incoming Surveys

The RSO can direct that incoming surveys be performed on equipment and materials arriving onto the site. The purpose of an incoming survey is to protect the client from financial liability associated with decontaminating equipment that arrived on the site with existing contamination. The degree of thoroughness of the survey and the requisite cleanliness of the equipment is at the discretion of the RSO.
 - Surveys of Materials Vehicles, and Personnel leaving Restricted Areas

All materials, vehicles, and personnel shall perform surveys upon leaving Restricted Areas that have a potential for spread of contamination. The RSO or designee can direct that additional surveys be performed as needed to monitor for spread of contamination.
 - Direct Total Contamination Surveys
 1. All items being surveyed should appear to be clean prior to being surveyed. To the extent possible, all interior and exterior surfaces should be free from oil and visible dirt. The RSO may dictate the required degree of cleanliness, based on the purpose of the survey and the history of the item being surveyed.
 2. Obtain proper instrumentation for the survey. Ensure that the instruments are currently calibrated and have been performance checked prior to the survey.
 3. Determine and record the background count in the area to be surveyed. Ensure that the background is representative of the measurement to be taken. Calculate and record the MDA on the appropriate survey form. Verify the MDA has been calculated for the background at the point of use and is less than the applicable site release criteria. In no case shall the background count time be less than the sample count time.
 4. Perform a scanning survey of the item. Concentrate survey measurements on areas most likely to be contaminated. The fraction of the total area scanned is subjective, based on technician experience, an item's use history, and RSO guidance. Typically, the scan frequency is a minimum of 10% of accessible surface areas.
 5. Obtain static measurements at locations with the highest potential for contamination. The number of survey points selected is subjective, based on technician experience, an item's use history, and RSO guidance. The count time should be consistent with the MDA calculation. A typical count times is one minute for digital scalers and until the meter reading stabilizes for analog ratemeters.

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6. Record and identify all locations surveyed on the appropriate survey form(s). The use of diagrams or sketches is recommended.
 - **Beta-Gamma Probe** - In high background areas it may not be possible to achieve the required survey MDAs. This should be noted on the survey cover sheet, and should be brought to the attention of the RSO.
 - **Alpha Probe** - The performance check background may be used in place of background count in the area to be surveyed. A good practice is to check the probe for light leaks or for faulty cables if positive results begin appearing.
7. All measurements shall be reported in units of “dpm” unless otherwise directed by the RSO. Examples include “dpm/100 cm²,” and “dpm/probe.”
8. Direct non-smearable hot spots may be averaged over 1 square meter to determine compliance with release levels. If the entire item is less than 1 square meter in area, the entire surface area may be averaged. Bolt on parts of a vehicle should not be considered separate items.
 - The method for determining an average activity is to mark a 1 square meter area on the piece to be surveyed that is roughly centered on the hot spot. Take 1 measurement at the highest activity point of the hot spot. Take 4 (or more) other measurements within the square meter at locations representative of the whole square meter. Record count-rate of each individual measurement. Calculate the activity of all measurements being averaged, including those that are less than the MDA and those with a calculated activity less than zero. Calculate the average of all measurements and record on the survey form.
9. Complete the appropriate survey form.

10.3 Removable Contamination

With RSO approval, removable contamination surveys may be disregarded, provided that direct survey measurements and instrument MDAs are below site removable contamination limits for release.

1. All items being surveyed shall be clean prior to being surveyed. All interior and exterior surfaces should be free from oil and visible dirt. The RSO may dictate the required degree of cleanliness, based on the purpose of the survey and the history of the item being surveyed.
2. Wipe each location of interest with moderate pressure area using a standard 1 ¾-inch swipe. The area wiped should be approximately 100 cm². Larger areas may be wiped. It can be inferred that if the wipe meets the required limit for 100 cm² when it was actually taken from a larger area, the object will pass the 100 cm² criteria. No special documentation is required if the wiped area exceeds 100 cm². If the object is smaller than 100 cm², the area of the entire object should be wiped.
3. Large area wipes (LAW), also commonly referred to by the trade name “Masslinn” may be used to supplement smear surveys for removable

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contamination. The use of LAWs should be documented on the survey form with the notation “LAW,” or equivalent.

4. Ensure each used swipe (i.e., smear or large area wipe) is handled, stored, and transferred in such a fashion as to prevent to loss of sampled material or cross-contamination with other personnel and other swipe samples.
5. Record the location of each wipe on the appropriate survey form. It is preferable to record the location by circling the sequential number location on a survey map where the wipe was taken.

10.4 Analyzing Swipes

1. Smear samples should be counted using available scintillation or gas-flow proportional laboratory counters, when practicable. Field instruments may be used for smear counting at the discretion of the RSO.
2. LAW samples may be counted using field instruments. The use of laboratory counters is inappropriate.
3. Determine and record the background count-rate. Calculate and record the MDA on the appropriate survey form. Verify the MDA has been calculated for the background at the point of use and is less than the applicable site release criteria. In no case shall the background count time be less than the sample count time.
4. Remove each swipe from the paper backing, as needed. The use of tweezers is recommended.
5. Place the swipe in the counter and close.
6. Count for the designated counting time.
7. Record the gross result under cpm in the appropriate column (either alpha or beta-gamma) of the survey form.
8. Calculate and record the activity. Removable contamination survey results shall be reported in units of “dpm” unless otherwise directed by the RSO. Examples include “dpm/100 cm²” and “dpm/LAW.”

10.5 Gamma Surveys

1. Routine gamma surveys may be used to detect the gradual buildup of gamma emitting contaminated materials in soils. This may occur at heavy equipment, heavy traffic, or egress points from contaminated areas. Normal uncontaminated trash should be gamma surveyed prior to leaving the site.
2. Obtain proper instrumentation for the survey. Ensure that the instruments are currently calibrated and have been performance checked prior to the survey.
3. Perform the survey with the appropriate detector using techniques specified by the RSO.
4. Complete the appropriate survey form.

10.6 Gamma Dose Rate Surveys

- Obtain proper instrumentation. Ensure that the instrument is currently calibrated and has been performance checked prior to the survey.

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- When entering areas with known radiation levels, select the appropriate scale.
 - Observe the meters as you enter the area. If necessary, change scales to maintain on-scale reading.
- Perform gamma dose rate surveys as follows:
 - Monitor dose rates from the lower thighs to head level, recording the highest level as General Area Dose Rate.
 - Monitor dose rates 30 cm (12 inches) from a significant radiation source recording the highest level as General Area Dose Rate.
 - Additional measurements are necessary to determine Transport Index for shipping per procedure PP-8-810, “Conveyance Survey.”
 - If dose rate sources are predominantly from overhead, then denote on survey.
 - Perform contact gamma dose rate measurements with the detector within ½-inch of the surface to be surveyed.
 - Additional measurement locations should be clearly identified in survey documentation.
 - Record all survey results on the appropriate survey form.

11.0 CALCULATIONS

11.1 Sample Activity

$$DPM = \frac{\left(\frac{TotalSampleCounts}{SampleCountTime} \right) - \left(\frac{TotalBkgCounts}{BkgCountTime} \right)}{(E)(A)}$$

where:

E = Instrument Efficiency
 A = Area correction factor, if applicable

11.2 Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA)

The following MDA equation is to be used for a background count time equal to the sample count time:

$$MDA = \frac{\left((3 + 4.65\sqrt{B}) \right)}{(E)(A)(T_s)}$$

where:

T_s = Sample count time
 E = Instrument efficiency

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A = Area correction factor, if applicable
 B = Background cpm

The following equation is to be used for a background count time equal to 5 or more times the sample count time:

$$MDA = \left(\frac{(3 + 3.29\sqrt{B})}{(E)(A)(T_s)} \right)$$

12.0 DOCUMENTATION

- Survey forms shall be completed in entirety. This includes attaching printouts, diagrams, or other supporting documentation, appending sequential page and survey tracking numbers, a review for completeness and accuracy, and appending the appropriate signatures of personnel performing the survey and / or analyzing samples.
- Once complete, the survey package shall be submitted to the RSO or designee, for final review and approval signature.
- Survey documentation shall be maintained according to established RP document control and retention requirements.

13.0 ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels

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Attachment 1

Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels

NUCLIDE^a	AVERAGE^{b c} dpm/100 cm²	MAXIMUM^{b d} dpm/100 cm²	REMOVABLE^{b e} dpm/100 cm²
U-nat, U-235, U-238 and associated decay products	5,000	15,000	1,000
Transuranics, Ra-226, Ra-228, Th-230, Th-228, Pa-231, Ac-227, I-125, I-129	100	300	20
Th-nat, Th-232, Sr-90, Ra-223, Ra-224, U-232, I-126, I-131, I-133	1,000	3,000	200
Beta-gamma emitters (nuclides with decay modes other than alpha emission or spontaneous fission) except Sr-90 and others noted above.	5,000	15,000	1,000

Notes:

- ^a Where surface contamination by both alpha- and beta-gamma-emitting nuclides exists, the limits established for alpha- and beta-gamma-emitting nuclides should apply independently.
- ^b As used in this table, dpm means the rate of emission by radioactive material as determined by correcting the counts per minute observed by an appropriate detector for background, efficiency, and geometric factors associated with the instrumentation.
- ^c Measurements of average contaminant should not be averaged over more than 1 square meter. For objects of less surface area, the average should be derived for each object.
- ^d The maximum contaminated level applies to an area of not more than 100 cm².
- ^e The amount of removable radioactive material per 100 cm² of surface area should be determined by wiping that area with dry filter or soft absorbent paper, applying moderate pressure, and assessing the amount of radioactive material on the wipe with an appropriate instrument of known efficiency. When removable contamination on objects of less surface area is determined, the pertinent levels should be reduced proportionally and the entire surface should be wiped.

*Source:USCG / USEPA EM 385-1-80 Table 6-4 Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels, 1985.

Note: The acceptable surface contamination levels for Th-nat will be used unless subsequent sampling indicate the presence Ra-226, Ra-228, Th-230, Pa-231, or Ac-227 in concentrations greater than that of the parent nuclide. The RSO will determine if contamination limits should be modified for a specific activity or location based on available data.



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1.0 PURPOSE

This project procedure describes the method of surveying equipment, materials, or vehicles for release for unrestricted use at Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) facilities and projects.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This project procedure applies to all site personnel responsible for the unrestricted release of equipment and materials used in a Restricted Area. This procedure is not used for vehicles that are transporting radioactive materials. Vehicles conveying radioactive materials also must follow USDOT Regulation 49 CFR Part 173.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
2. PESI "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"
3. NRC Regulatory Guide 1.86.
4. RP-104, "Radiological Surveys"

4.0 DEFINITIONS

CPM: Counts per minute

DPM: Disintegrations per minute

Equipment and Material: Equipment and material refers to any item used in a Restricted Area to support work activities (i.e., hand tools, heavy equipment, plastic, etc.).

LAW: Large Area Wipe (i.e., Masslinn)

Unrestricted Release: Release of equipment and / or material to the general public.

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5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Ensuring adequate staffing, facilities, and equipment are available to perform the survey tasks assigned to Radiation Protection personnel.
- Approving purchase or acquisition of equipment necessary to perform surveys.
- Ensuring that surveys take place in appropriately posted areas.
- Reviewing results of survey data as required to determine acceptability for release of items.
- Dispositioning materials that cannot be released based on survey results.
- Investigating and initiating corrective actions for the improper release of radiologically contaminated material.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Identify equipment and material to be surveyed for unrestricted release.
- Performing and documenting contamination surveys.
- Posting, securing and controlling radioactive material that cannot be released.
- Releasing material in accordance with this and implementing procedures.

5.3 Project Personnel

- Adhering to all policies, procedures and other instructions, verbal and written, regarding control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material.
- Reporting any concerns about the control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material to supervision.
- Maintaining good housekeeping at work sites and assisting in preventing the build-up and spread of contamination.

6.0 EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

- Alpha Detector
- Beta-Gamma Detector
- Portable Ratemeter / Scaler
- Scintillation or Gas-Flow Proportional Lab Alpha / Beta Counter
- Survey forms
- Cloth smears
- Masslinn™ type cloths

7.0 INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 General Instructions

Prior to conducting any surveys, ensure that all survey instrumentation has been response checked, is in operating within control limits and has not been removed from service.

- Response checks shall be performed daily.
- Background measurements are to be taken prior to use at the point of use. The background count time shall be greater than or equal to the sample count time.

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- Verify that the MDA has been calculated for the background at the point of use and is less than the applicable site release criteria. Refer to RPP-104, "Radiological Surveys," for the MDA calculation.
- Survey results are converted from counts per minute (cpm) to disintegrations per minute (dpm). A sample "cpm to dpm" calculation is attached for review and use at the end of this procedure.

7.2 Release of Items for Unrestricted Use

1. Surveys for both total and removable contamination shall be made in accordance with Section 7.3 (below) on all equipment, materials or vehicles which have either been in a Restricted Area or which may be potentially contaminated.
2. With RSO approval, removable contamination surveys may be disregarded, provided that direct survey measurements and instrument MDAs are below site removable contamination limits for release.
3. RP personnel will determine which items located outside a Restricted Area may be potentially contaminated based on their use, site history, or previous survey data. The potential for these objects to have become contaminated by airborne radioactive materials must be considered. This could include items that are used to support site activities, such as office equipment, cleaning devices, furniture, trailers, etc., even though direct contact may not have occurred.
4. Items which have a potential for internal contamination of inaccessible surfaces shall be evaluated by the RSO or designee prior to release.
5. All items to be released shall be surveyed in such a manner as to fully demonstrate that accessible surfaces comply with the surface contamination release criteria specified in RP-104, "Radiological Surveys."
6. Items that do not meet release criteria shall be decontaminated until release criteria is met or shall be disposed of as radiological waste.
7. Air intakes / filters on motorized equipment should be surveyed as an indicator of potential internal contamination. Notify the RSO or designee if air intake / filter surfaces indicate the presence of contamination. Contaminated air filters shall be removed and disposed of as radiological waste.
8. To the extent practicable, visible dirt and mud or other material shall be removed from surfaces prior to survey.
9. The RSO or designee, shall review all survey data prior to the release from the Controlled Area.

7.3 Direct Surveys Scans and Static Measurements

1. Surfaces shall be dry and cleaned, to the extent practicable prior to performing direct alpha measurements.
2. The RSO may authorize the short-term relocation or staging of equipment / vehicles for direct measurements in any portion of the Controlled Area. This is provided that the item has been verified to be clean of removable

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contamination prior to removal from a Restricted Area and fixed contamination producing general area dose rates greater than 0.2 mrem/hr is not anticipated.

3. Alpha detectors should be placed within ¼-inch of the surface to be surveyed. Beta detectors should be placed within ½-inch of the surface to be surveyed. Use caution to not contaminate or damage the detector surface.
4. Perform a scanning survey of the item. Concentrate survey measurements on areas most likely to be contaminated. The fraction of the total area scanned is subjective, based on technician experience, an item's use history, and RSO guidance. Typically, the scan frequency is a minimum of 10% of accessible surface areas.
5. Obtain static measurements at locations with the highest potential for contamination. The number of survey points selected is subjective, based on technician experience, an item's use history, and RSO guidance.
6. Static measurement count times shall be appropriate for desired MDAs. Typical count times are one minute for digital scalers and until the meter reading stabilizes for analog ratemeters.
7. Record and identify all locations surveyed on the appropriate survey form(s). The use of diagrams or sketches is recommended.
8. All measurements shall be reported in units of "dpm" unless otherwise directed by the RSO. Examples include "dpm/100 cm²" and "dpm/probe."

7.4 Removable Contamination Surveys

1. "Cloth" smears shall be used for smear surveys.
2. A notation (e.g., smear number, date, time, location, etc.) should be made on the smear envelopes to ensure proper smear tracking. Smears may also be numbered using a pen or marker prior to use.
3. Using moderate pressure, swipe an area of 100 cm² (4-inch square area or equivalent) of the surface at the selected location. Smear surveys should be performed at the same location that direct surveys were performed.
4. Large Area Wipes (LAW), also commonly referred to by the trade name "Masslinn," may be used to supplement smear surveys for removable contamination. The use of LAWs should be documented on the survey form with the notation "LAW" or equivalent.
5. Ensure each used swipe (i.e., smear or large area wipe) is handled, stored, and transferred in such a fashion as to prevent to loss of sampled material or cross-contamination with other personnel and other swipe samples.
6. Smear samples should be counted using available scintillation or gas-flow proportional laboratory counters, when practicable. Field instruments may be used for smear counting at the discretion of the RSO.
7. LAW samples may be counted using field instruments. The use of laboratory counters is inappropriate.
8. Removable contamination survey results shall be reported in units of "dpm" unless otherwise directed by the RSO. Examples include "dpm/100cm²" and "dpm/LAW."

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9. Ensure all results are documented on the appropriate survey form. Lab printouts may be attached and referenced on the survey form.

8.0 CALCULATIONS

MDA and Sample Activity formulas are located in RPP-104, "Radiological Surveys."

9.0 DOCUMENTATION

- Survey forms shall be completed in entirety. This includes attaching printouts, diagrams, or other supporting documentation, appending sequential page and survey tracking numbers, a review for completeness and accuracy, and appending the appropriate signatures of personnel performing the survey and / or analyzing samples.
- Once complete, the survey package shall be submitted to the RSO or designee, for final review and approval signature.
- Survey documentation shall be maintained according to established RP document control and retention requirements.

10.0 ATTACHMENT

None



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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure establishes consistent methodology for documenting radiological surveys and provides criteria for the review of these surveys.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure is applicable to all radiological surveys excluding air samples.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
2. PESI "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"
3. RP-104, "Radiological Surveys."

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

The results of surveys will be documented on survey forms or in designated logs as approved by the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). Survey data will contain enough detail to provide personnel with adequate information concerning radiological conditions existing in the area surveyed.

The RSO or designee will review completed survey documentation to ensure appropriate, adequate and complete information is recorded. The individual reviewing the survey will ensure that the recorded results are legible, in accordance with Radiological Protection Program (RPP) implementing procedures, consistent with anticipated levels, and will determine the reason for any variances.

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4.2 Definitions

Airborne Radioactivity Area (ARA): Means any area where the measured concentrations of airborne radioactivity above natural background exceed, or are likely to exceed, 25% of the Derived Air Concentration (DAC) values listed in 10 CFR 20, Appendix B, Table I, Column 3.

Contamination Area (CA): Means any area accessible to personnel with loose surface contamination values in excess of the values specified in RP-104, "Radiological Surveys, or any additional area specified by the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO). The Contamination Area posting requirement is more restrictive than the Radioactive Material Area posting requirement. Any area posted as a Contamination Area shall also be considered to be a Radioactive Materials Area.

Contact Dose Rate: A radiation dose rate as measured at contact or within 1/2 inch of the surface being measured.

General Area Dose Rate (GA Dose Rate): The highest radiation dose rate accessible to any portion of the whole body measured at a distance of 30 cm (12 inches) from a significant radiation source or combination of sources.

Radiation Work Permit (RWP): Means a document or series of documents prepared by Radiation Protection to inform workers of the radiological and industrial hygiene conditions, which exist in the work area and the radiological requirements for the job.

Radiation Area (RA): Means any area, accessible to personnel, where the whole body dose rate can exceed 5 mrem in 1 hour at 30 cm from the source.

Radioactive Material: Material activated or contaminated by the operation or remediation activities and by-product material procured and used to support the operations.

Radioactive Materials Area (RMA): Any area or room where quantities of radioactive materials in excess of 10 times the 10 CFR 20, Appendix C quantities are used or stored, or any area designated by the RSO which does not exceed the site Contamination Area criteria.

Radiological Area: Any area within a Restricted Area which require posting as a Radiation Area, Contamination Area, Airborne Radioactivity Area, High Contamination Area, or High Radiation Area.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- The Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) or designee is responsible for reviewing radiological surveys performed by Radiation Protection Technicians (RPT).

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- RPTs are responsible for documenting surveys in a legible manner on approved forms.

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6.0 PREREQUISITES

- Surveys for radiation and contamination have been performed in accordance with RP-104 “Radiological Surveys”.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Surveys for airborne radioactivity will be documented in accordance with RP-107, “Measurement of Airborne Radioactivity.”

8.0 APPARATUS

Survey Forms

9.0 RECORDS

- PESI Survey Form (Attachment 1)
- PESI Survey Log Number Form (Attachment 2)
- Radiation Protection Technician (RPT) Logbooks

10.0 PROCEDURE

The methods outlined in this procedure are intended to assure the clear and concise transfer of survey information. Variations or deviations from the protocols in this procedure are permitted if the clear transfer of information is maintained.

10.1 Documentation

10.1.1 General

1. Record all information on survey forms in a neat and legible manner.
2. Document all surveys on a form with approved project heading. Technician logbooks may be used for documenting surveys (e.g., daily routines, material transfers, minor posting changes, etc.) as authorized by the RSO and providing instrument serial numbers are documented with survey data.
3. When recording information on survey forms, check all appropriate boxes and circle all appropriate answers.
4. Use a survey form with pre-drawn diagrams when available. If not, draw a diagram or picture of the object surveyed. Should a diagram not be appropriate, use a lined survey form.
5. Assign the next sequential survey number to the survey from the survey number logbook.
6. Complete the following information for all surveys:
 - Date and time of survey
 - Location of survey
 - Instrument type and serial numbers and associated supporting information (i.e., detector efficiencies, calibration dates, background values, etc.)
 - HWP number, if applicable
 - Reason for survey

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- Name and signature of surveyor
- 7. Indicate Radiological Hazard Area boundaries on the survey form using x's and -'s (-x-x or **).
- 8. Note the posted Radiological Hazard using common designator such as
 - Contamination Area = CA
 - Radiation Area = RA
 - Radioactive Material Area = RMA
 - Airborne Radioactivity = ARA
- 9. The use of Greek alphabet and other nuclear industry standard nomenclature (e.g., “k” = 1000) is acceptable when documenting surveys.

10.1.2 Survey Log Number Book:

1. Survey log number book is to be used to assign a unique sequential number to each survey form package. This number provides the ability to track individual surveys as well as ensuring the submittal of a complete documentation package for archiving.
2. Unless otherwise directed by the RSO, survey numbers will be assigned with the following format:

NFSSyyRS.xxxx

“NFSS” corresponds to “Niagara Falls Storage Site,” yy is the last two digits in the year, “RS” refers to “Radiological Survey,” and xxxx refers to the sequential survey number.

3. As surveys are generated, the RPT will take the next sequential number on the form and fill in the remaining boxes with a brief description of the reason for the survey as well as the date and RPT’s initials.

10.1.3 Radiation Surveys

1. Indicate GA dose rates by underlining the radiation level on the Survey Form at the appropriate location (Example: 25 uR/hr).
2. Indicate CONTACT dose rates by recording the radiation level with an asterisk on the Survey Form at the appropriate location (Example: * 25 ur/hr). If there are corresponding 30 cm and GA readings, document them as follows:

* CONTACT / @ 30 cm / GA

3. Use a legend to inform the reviewer of any other notation utilized or if deviating from standard protocol.

10.1.4 Contamination Surveys

1. Indicate survey locations by placing sequential numbers within a circle on the Survey Sheet. The Survey Sheet has corresponding direct and transferable columns for both alpha and beta / gamma activity.
2. Use a legend to inform the reviewer of any other notation utilized or if deviating from standard protocol.
3. The use of the letter “k” to indicate units of a thousand is acceptable.

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10.2 Technician Review and Evaluation

- 10.2.1 After completing the surveys, evaluate the results against previous surveys or anticipated results.
- 10.2.2 Verify that radiological boundaries and postings are correct in accordance with RPP-102, "Radiological Posting Requirements."
- 10.2.3 Take any immediate actions required based on survey results.
- 10.2.4 Ensure all relevant supporting documentation (e.g., count room print-outs, etc.) are attached to the survey package and that the package is properly paginated.
- 10.2.5 Submit documentation to the RSO or designee for supervisory review.

10.3 Supervisory Review

- 10.3.1 Ensure that the survey form is complete and legible.
- 10.3.2 Ensure that all required information has been completed.
- 10.3.3 Ensure that any changes, single line cross-outs, or deletions are initialed and dated at time performed.
- 10.3.4 Verify that results are consistent with those anticipated.
- 10.3.5 If results are not consistent, ensure that appropriate actions have been taken to explain the results or re-examine the area.
- 10.3.6 Sign-off in the appropriate review section of the survey form and submit package to RP Document Control for retention / transmittal to Project Files.

11.0 ATTACHMENTS

Note: Attachments may be revised without formal review of this procedure and are attached as examples only. Please contact the RSO for a current copy of these attachments.

Attachment 1 PESI Survey Form (Typical)

Attachment 2 PESI Survey Log Number Form (Typical)

Attachment 1 (Typical)

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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure establishes the basis and methodology for the placement and use of air monitoring equipment, as well as the collection, analysis, and documentation of air samples. Radiological air sampling and analysis is performed to monitor concentrations of radionuclides in the air for purposes of tracking internal radiation exposure to occupational radiation workers, determining appropriate respiratory protection devices, establishing radiological posting boundaries, verifying effluent airborne radioactivity concentrations, and providing information on radiological conditions in the work area.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to all radiological air monitoring activities performed in support of Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) activities.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
2. Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI), "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"
3. Rock, R.L., *Sampling Mine Atmospheres for Potential Alpha Energy Due to the Presence of Radon-220 (Thoron) Daughters*, Informational Report No. 1015, United States Department of the Interior, Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration, 1975.
4. Kusnetz, H.L., Radon Daughters in Mine Atmospheres, A Field Method for Determining Concentrations, Am. Ind. Hyg. Assoc. Quat., Vol. 17, No. 87, 1956.
5. ANSI N13.1, Guide to Sampling Airborne Radioactive Materials in Nuclear Facilities.
6. Regulatory Guide 8.25, Air Sampling in the Workplace.
7. 29 CFR 1910.1096, United States Occupational Health & Safety, Ionizing Radiation.

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4.0 DEFINITIONS

Airborne Radioactivity: Radioactive material in any chemical or physical form that is dissolved, misted, suspended, or otherwise entrained in air.

Ambient Air: Air in the volume of interest, such as room atmosphere, as distinct from a specific stream or volume of air that may have different properties.

Annual Limit on Intake (ALI): The derived limit for the amount of radioactive material taken into the body of an adult worker by inhalation or ingestion in a year. ALI is the smaller value of intake of a given radionuclide in a year by the reference man that would result in a committed effective dose equivalent (CEDE) of 5 rems or a committed dose equivalent (CDE) of 50 rems to any organ or tissue.

Breathing Zone (BZ): A uniform description of the volume of air around the worker's upper body and head which may be drawn into the lungs during the course of breathing.

Committed Dose Equivalent (CDE): The dose equivalent to tissues or organs of reference that will be received from an intake of radioactive material by an individual during the 50-year period following the intake.

Committed Effective Dose Equivalent (CEDE): The sum of committed dose equivalents (CDEs) to various tissues in the body, each multiplied by the appropriate weighting factors found in 10 CFR 20.

Derived Air Concentration (DAC): The concentration of a given radioactive nuclide in air which, if breathed by the reference man for a working year of 2000 hours under conditions of light work (1.2 m³ of air per hour), would result in an intake of one (1) ALI.

DAC-hour (DAC-hr): The product of the concentration of radioactive material in air (expressed as a fraction or multiple of the DAC for each radionuclide) and the time of exposure to that radionuclide in hours. A facility may take 2000 DAC-hr to represent 1 ALI.

Grab Sample: A single sample of ambient air collected over a short time.

Maximum Permissible Concentration (MPC): That concentration of radionuclides in air or water that will result in the Maximum Permissible Body Burden or Organ Burden and result in a whole body or organ receiving the annual dose limit if breathed in by a worker for 2000 hours.

Monitoring: The measurement of radiation levels, airborne radioactivity concentrations, radioactive contamination levels, quantities of radioactive material, or individual doses and the use of the results of these measurements to evaluate radiological hazards or potential and actual doses resulting from exposures to ionizing radiation.

MPC-hour (MPC-hr): The product of the concentration of radioactive material in air (expressed as a fraction or multiple of the MPC for each radionuclide) and the time of exposure to that radionuclide in hours.

Occupational Dose: An individual's ionizing radiation dose (external and internal) received as a result of that individual's work assignment.

Protection Factor: The degree of protection given by a respirator. The protection factor is used to estimate radioactive material concentrations inhaled by the wearer and is expressed as the ratio

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of ambient concentration of airborne radioactive materials to the concentration that can be maintained inside the respirator during use.

Representative: Sampling in such a manner that the sample closely approximates both the amount of activity and the physical and chemical properties of the material (e.g., particle size and solubility in the case of aerosol to which workers are exposed). Air sampling performed within the Breathing Zone (BZ) is considered representative of the airborne radioactive material concentration inhaled by the worker.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Manages the implementation of this procedure.
- Ensures technicians performing activities under this procedure are competent and have sufficient experience to perform assigned tasks.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Initiates, collects, submits, counts, and documents air samples according to the requirements of this procedure, and the SSHP.
- Ensures he / she has sufficient experience and / or knowledge to perform assigned duties under this procedure.

6.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Running air samplers for extended periods may cause excessive dust loading of the filter media. The frequency of filter change-out should be increased if excessive dust loading is observed.
- Air samplers shall not be used in combustible / explosive atmospheres.
- Air sampling and sample counting equipment shall not be operated beyond their respective calibration periods.
- Air samples shall be taken in such a manner as to not contaminate the filter with materials that were not airborne during the sample interval or by re-suspension of loose contamination from surfaces near the sampling head.
- Sampler exhaust may cause the re-suspension of loose surface contamination if the sampler is positioned improperly.
- Consider higher volume air samplers when covering short duration tasks.
- The decision to provide individual monitoring devices to workers is influenced by the expected levels of intake, likely variations in dose among workers, and the complexity of measurement and interpretation of results.

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7.0 ACTION STEPS

7.1 Air Monitoring Methods

- Utilize the following monitoring methods to implement the radiological air monitoring program:
 - General Area (GA) Air Monitoring
 - Breathing Zone (BZ) Air Monitoring
 - Passive Radon Monitoring
 - Particulate Radon Grab Samples
 - Perimeter Monitoring, frequently referred to as Air Environmental (AE)
- Air sampling equipment should be placed so as to:
 - Not directly contact a contaminated (transferable) surface.
 - Minimize interference with the performance of work.
 - Be easily accessible for changing filters and servicing.
 - Be downstream of potential release points.
 - Minimize the influence of supply airflow.
- An airflow study of any indoor area to be monitored should be performed prior to placement of the sampler (other than BZ samplers). Additional studies should be performed after changes in the work area setup, ventilation systems, or seasons, if seasonal changes may affect airflow patterns.
- Perform BZ air sampling in occupied areas where, under typical conditions, a worker is likely to be exposed to an air concentration of 10 % or more of the DAC.

7.2 General Area (GA) Air Sampling

- GA samples are typically taken with low volume samplers such as LV-1 or equivalent. Specific instructions on the use and calibration of the LV-1 sampler are detailed in RP-110 *Operation of Low Volume Air Samplers*.
- GA sampling shall be performed with instrumentation operating at volumes capable of meeting the Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC) values established in the Technical Basis Document for Dosimetry and Air Sampling.
- GA samples should be collected:
 - During work activities as a supplement to Breathing Zone (BZ) sampling as deemed appropriate.
 - At site boundaries to confirm effluent air discharge concentrations. These are the Air Environmental (AE) type samples.
 - At discharge points to determine the worst case airborne radiological conditions.
- Document airflow studies, if performed in the appropriate project logbook or as directed by the RSO.

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5. Select a calibrated low / high volume sampler with the appropriate glass fiber air filter and place the sample head into position. The fuzzy side of the filter should face outwards.
6. Turn the sampler ON. At a minimum, document the following information on the air filter envelope or log sheet:
 - Sampling station identifier (as determined by the RSO)
 - Sampler model
 - Serial number
 - Date / time on
 - Flow rate
 - On by (individual starting sampler)
7. When air monitoring is complete, observe the sampler flow rate and turn the sampler off. At a minimum, document the following information on the air filter envelope or logsheet:
 - Date / time off
 - Flow rate
 - Off by (individual terminating sample)
8. Remove and / or replace the sample head and filter using caution to prevent cross-contamination.
9. Store the filter in a protective container to minimize the loss of collected material.
10. Submit sample to counting lab for analysis.

7.3 Breathing Zone (BZ)

1. Specific instructions on the use and calibration of Lapel Samplers are detailed in RP-110 *Operation of Low Volume Air Samplers*.
2. Collect BZ samples during entries into posted airborne radioactivity areas and during activities which have a reasonable potential of producing airborne radioactivity (e.g., excavating contaminated soils, surface destructive activities on surfaces with fixed contamination) as determined by the RSO.
3. Position the sampler on the individual representative of the worst-case exposure for the group if a single lapel sampler is used for multiple members of a work group. Base this selection on operating experience and consultation with the RSO. A single lapel sampler should be used for a group of no more than four workers spending greater than one hour in the work area under the same RWP.
4. Ensure the sample head is positioned as close to the breathing zone as practical without interfering with the work or the worker.
5. Operate lapel samplers according to the appropriate instrument use procedure. At a minimum, document the following information on the air filter envelope or log sheet:
 - Wearer's name(s)
 - Applicable Hazardous Work Permit (HWP) number

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- Sampler model / serial numbers
 - Date / time On
 - Flow rate (sampler must be running)
 - On by (individual starting sampler)
6. Upon exit from the work area, note the flow rate, turn the sampler OFF and detach from the worker / object. Note that sampling may be suspended / restarted during the workday to facilitate break periods. Accurate volume tracking is crucial during these periods of non-operation.
 7. Perform necessary post-operation sampler checks according to the specific instrument use procedure.
 8. Carefully, remove the air filter from the sample head and place in air filter envelope. Complete the pre-printed air filter envelope or sample log sheet:
 - Date / time off
 - Flow rate
 - Off by (individual stopping sampler)
 9. Submit sample to Counting Room for analysis.

7.4 Radon and Thoron Progeny

1. High volume or low volume grab samplers such as HV-1, LV-1, or RAS-1 (typically in the 35-75 lpm range) should be used for collecting radon and thoron samples.
2. Radon and thoron samples should be collected:
 - During work activities as deemed appropriate by the RSO or designee.
 - At restricted area boundaries as deemed appropriate by the RSO or designee.
 - Each frequently occupied work location should have its own samplers.
 - Airflow patterns should be considered in placing samplers so that the sampler is likely to be in the airflow downstream of the source.
 - A simultaneous background sample shall be taken upwind of all activities when radon and thoron sampling is performed. This sample is critically important.
 - When collecting a radon and thoron breathing zone sample, the sampler should be located in the breathing zone for the worker. Preferably it should be held immediately downwind of the worker and moved around with the worker.
3. Select a calibrated high volume sampler with a 47 mm filter and place the sample head into position. The preferred filter is a membrane filter such as the F&J Specialty Products, Inc. model number A020A047A or equivalent. Alternatively, a glass fiber filter such as the F&J Specialty Products, Inc. model number AE-47 or equivalent can be used

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4. Turn the sampler ON and complete the required information on the air filter envelope to include:
 - RWP number, if appropriate
 - Sampler model and serial number
 - On date, time, and flow rate
 - On by (site worker initials)
 - Sample location
5. Collect a sample for exactly 5 minutes, with no more than a 5-second uncertainty. Exercise caution when handling sample head so as not to cross-contaminate the air filter.
6. Remove air filter from sample head and place in air filter envelope. Complete the required information on the air filter envelope including:
 - Off date, time, and flow rate
 - Site worker stopping the sampler
7. Submit the sample to the counting room within 30 minutes after collection. Samples must be counted between 40 and 90 minutes, or they will be void.
8. Analyze the sample in accordance with Sections 8.1 or 8.2, whichever is appropriate.
9. Alternate industry-accepted methods for Radon-Thoron monitoring may be used at the discretion of the RSO with concurrence from the Project Certified Health Physicist.

7.5 Perimeter Environmental Air (AE) Sampling

1. Perimeter samples are taken with low volume samplers such as LV-1 or equivalent. Specific instructions on the use and calibration of the LV-1 sampler are detailed in RP-110 *Operation of Low Volume Air Samplers*.
2. Perimeter samples are collected to verify compliance with off-site release criteria.
3. Samples are collected at locations designated by the RSO. The air sampling locations should be established at the most likely downwind perimeter boundary, as determined by evaluation of local meteorological data, and / or the nearest perimeter boundary from active work areas.
4. Perimeter samplers should be operated 24 hours a day 7 days a week if possible.
5. Filters from continuously operating perimeter air samplers are normally changed out weekly. Filter change-out of perimeter air samplers will be performed at a frequency long enough to ensure acceptable counting statistics and short enough to maintain consistent sampler flow rates.
6. Perimeter sampler operation shall be verified on a daily basis around locations when airborne generating activities are in progress. This requirement may be relaxed by the RSO for samplers with data logging capability.

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7. Document daily verification (i.e., flow rate) and notify the RSO of any discrepancies. Replace filter and investigate pump operation if daily flow rates vary by greater than 20%.
8. Any sampler that is out of service due to malfunction for more than 1 hour and any invalid samples should be brought to the attention of the RSO.
9. Samples are to be collected in accordance with Section 7.2, Steps 5-10.

7.6 Passive Radon Monitoring

1. Passive radon monitoring methods include the use of either alpha track-etch detectors or electrets.
2. Detectors should be placed for a length of time, so that the minimum detectable concentration is 0.1 pCi/l or less, following manufacturer guidelines. The length of placement is generally 1 month or greater. Locations selected should be representative of the breathing zone, when practical. A simultaneous background sample should always be taken at a location unaffected by site activities. This sample is critically important.
3. Open the bag containing the detector and place the detector in a protective container to allow for air circulation. Follow manufacturer guidelines to activate the detector, as necessary.
4. Record in the logbook:
 - Sample location
 - Date and time of placement
 - Serial number of the detector
 - Initials of the worker placing the detectors
5. Ship the detector to the manufacturers processing center to read the results.

8.0 ANALYSIS OF AIR SAMPLES

General Area (GA), Breathing Zone (BZ), and Perimeter Air (PA) samples should be submitted to a counting room or off-site laboratory for gross alpha/beta analysis. Samples may be sent to an outside laboratory for isotopic analysis as necessary per the RSO.

8.1 Analysis for Radon and Thoron Progeny from a 5-Minute Low Volume Grab Sample

- 8.1.1 Count the sample twice for alpha activity using a Ludlum 2929, Ludlum 2000, or Equivalent. The first count should start at least 40 minutes after the end of the sample, but not greater than 90 minutes at the end of sample collection. The second count should start at least 5 hours after the end of the count, but not greater than 17 hours after the end of the first count. Count the sample for 5 minutes each time.

NOTE: It is not recommended that a gas flow proportional counter be used for this analysis as there is a reasonably high probability of contaminating the instrument with radon and / or thoron progeny.

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- 8.1.2 Calculate the thoron progeny (TDC) in working levels from the delayed (second) count as follows:

$$TDC = \frac{cpm_{net}}{E \cdot V \cdot CE \cdot SAF \cdot F_{Th}}$$

where,

cpm_{net} = (gross counts/count time) - background cpm of counting instrument

V = Volume of air in liters

E = efficiency of counting instrument

CE = Filter collection efficiency (normally 0.998)

SAF = Self absorption factor (normally 0.7 for glass fiber filters and 1.0 for membrane filters)

F_{Th} = Working level factor from Graph 1 (Attachment 1).

- 8.1.3 Calculate the radon progeny (RDC) in working levels from the first count as follows:

$$RDC = \frac{\left(\frac{cpm_{net}}{E \cdot V \cdot CE \cdot SAF} - TDC \times 16.5 \right)}{F_{Rn}}$$

where,

cpm_{net} = (gross counts/count time) - background cpm of counting instrument

V = Volume of air in liters

E = efficiency of counting instrument

CE = Filter collection efficiency (normally 0.998)

SAF = Self absorption factor (normally 0.7 for glass fiber filters and 1.0 for membrane filters)

F_{Rn} = Radon working level factor from Graph 2 (Attachment 2).

TDC = Thoron Progeny determined from second count.

8.2 Alternate Method for the Analysis of Radon Progeny from a 5-Minute Low Volume Grab Sample

This section only applies to the determination of radon and not the determination of thoron.

- 8.2.1 Count the sample once for alpha activity using a Ludlum 2929, Ludlum 2000, or Equivalent. The count should start at least 40 minutes after the end of the sample, but not greater than 90 minutes at the end of the count. Count the sample for 5 minutes.

NOTE: It is not recommended to use a gas flow proportional counter for this analysis as there is a reasonably high probability of contaminating the instrument with radon and / or thoron progeny.

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8.2.2 Calculate the radon progeny (RDC) in working levels from the first count as follows:

$$RDC = \frac{cpm_{net}}{E \cdot V \cdot CE \cdot SAF \cdot F_{Rn}}$$

where,

cpm_{net} = (gross counts/count time) - background cpm of counting instrument

V = Volume of air in liters

E = efficiency of counting instrument

CE = Filter collection efficiency (normally 0.998)

SAF = Self absorption factor (normally 0.7 for glass fiber filters and 1.0 for membrane filters)

F_{Rn} = Radon working level factor from Graph 2 (Attachment 2).

9.0 REPORTS

Maintain air monitoring instrument data, sampling data, and analysis results as a quality record.

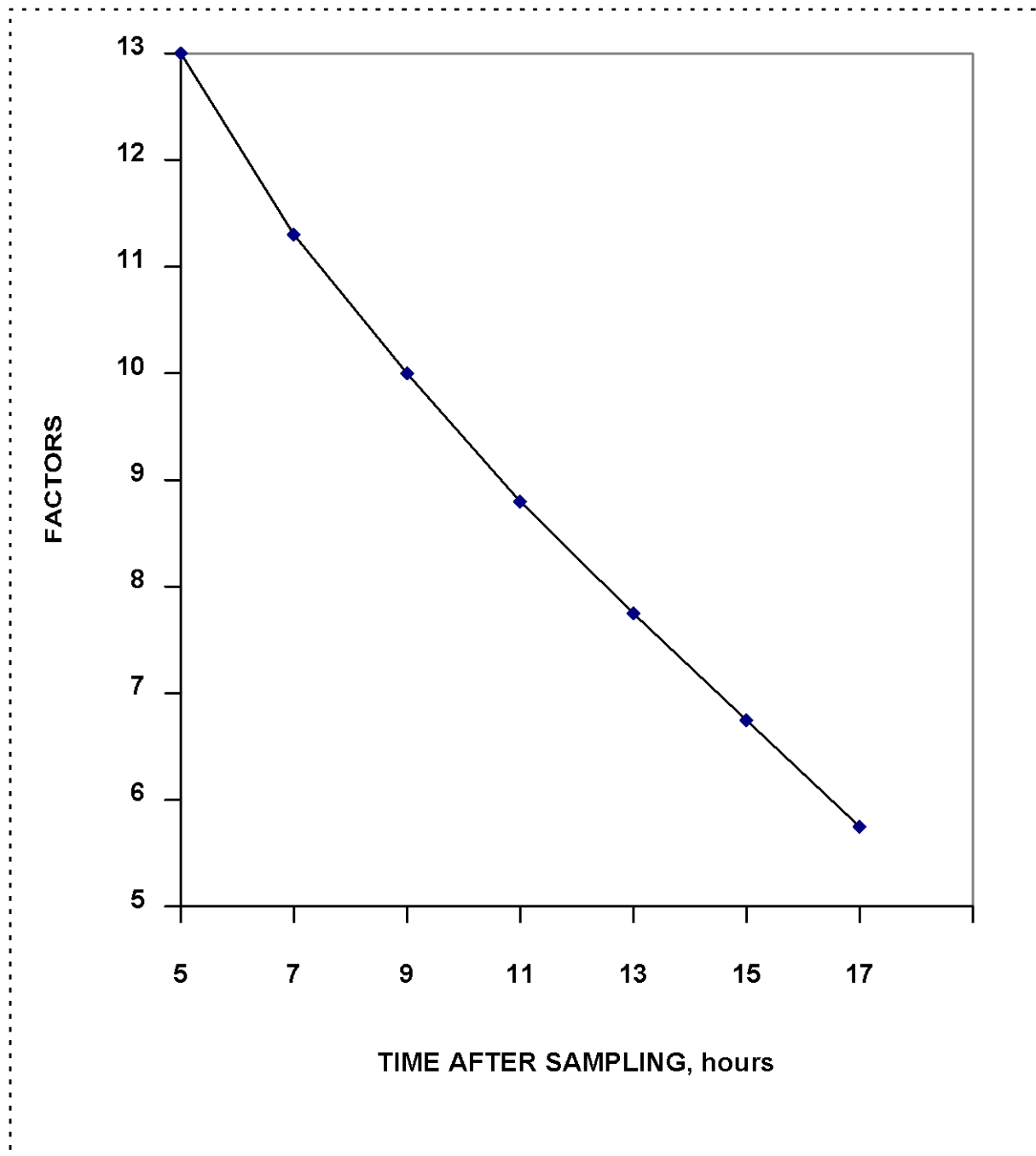
10.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Graph 1, Thoron Working Level Factors

Attachment 2 Graph 2, Radon Working Level Factors

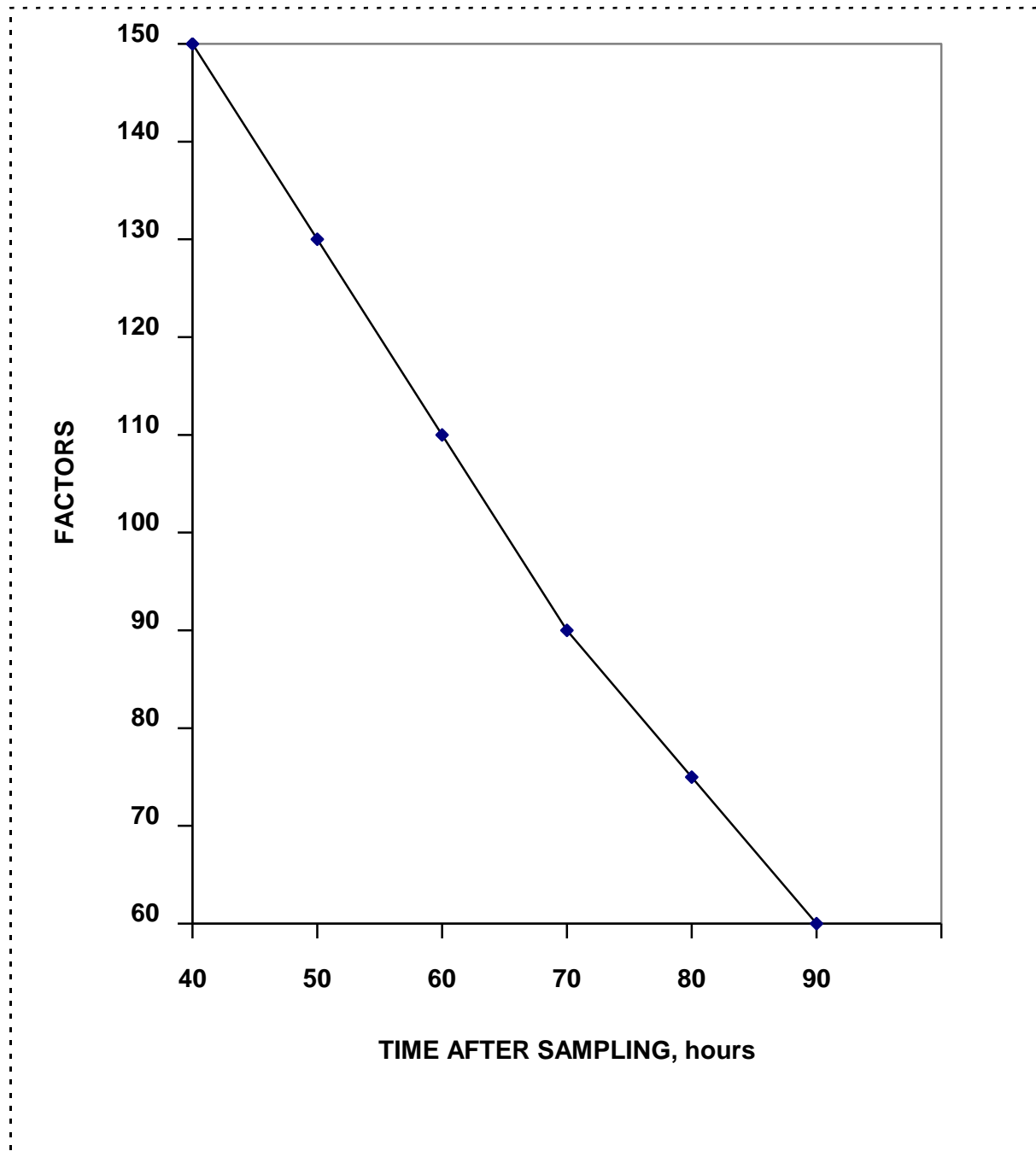
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ATTACHMENT 1
GRAPH 1, THORON WORKING LEVEL FACTORS



Time factors versus time after sampling for thoron daughter samples.

ATTACHMENT 2
GRAPH 2, RADON WORKING LEVEL FACTORS



Time factors versus time after sampling for radon daughter samples.



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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure specifies the methods for set-up, daily pre-operational check, and operation of portable count-rate survey instruments. These instruments are used for the detection of radioactivity on personnel, on or within material surfaces, and in the environment. This procedure does not include associated instrument calibrations or cover the operation of exposure rate instruments.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure specifically addresses those meter-probe combinations that report values in units of counts or counts per minute (cpm) such as Ludlum Measurements models 2221 and 2241 Scaler-Ratemeters; and the Ludlum Model 177 Alarming Ratemeter or equivalent. These meters are mated to probes including the Ludlum Model 44-10, 44-20, and 44-62 NaI Detectors, the Ludlum Model 43-5 Alpha Scintillation Detector, and the Ludlum Model 44-9 Pancake Geiger-Mueller detectors or equivalent. Additional equivalent meters and probes may be used under this procedure without revision as approved by the RSO.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. ANSI N323A-1997, Radiation Protection Instrumentation Test and Calibration, Portable Survey Instruments.
2. Instrument Technical Manuals.
3. Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)
4. RP-104, Radiological Surveys

4.0 DEFINITIONS

cpm: counts per minute

DFSCL: Daily Field Source Check Logsheet.

dpm: disintegrations per minute

HV: High Voltage

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MDA: Minimum Detectable Activity

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Reviewing and approving changes to this procedure and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.
- Ensuring an adequate inventory of Radiation Protection instruments are available to support remediation activities.
- Overseeing the issue, control, and accountability of Radiation Protection instrumentation per the requirements of this procedure.
- Ensuring transmittal of all issue, control and accountability records to the appropriate document control authority when applicable.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Maintaining instrument documentation and records as required by this procedure.
- Maintaining adequate instrument and equipment availability.
- Verifying current calibration and response test dates prior to issue or use of instruments.
- Promptly returning instruments to their proper location when work is complete.
- Ensuring that instruments are properly surveyed for contamination and decontaminated as necessary after use.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

- Only personnel with appropriate documented training shall issue or use RP instrumentation.
- Instruments and detectors shall be inspected for mechanical damage, and response tested prior to issue.
- Any instrument to be used shall have a current calibration label affixed to the instrument.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Portable count rate survey instrumentations are susceptible to damage from physical and environmental stresses.
- QA/QC requirements established by an approved survey plan (e.g., Master Final Status Survey Plan) supercede the requirements of this procedure.

8.0 APPARATUS

- Appropriate survey instruments

9.0 RECORDS

- Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet
- Daily Field Source Check Logsheet

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10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 General

1. Ensure the meter-probe combination selected is within their acceptable calibration periods. The swapping of probes between meters is permitted, but not encouraged. The following precautions and limitations must be observed and the following action steps must be taken:
 - If the meter-probe combination is calibrated as a set, Probe swapping is not permitted, without specific RSO approval.
 - The HIGH VOLTAGE (HV) and THRESHOLD settings for the meter-probe combination shall be identical. Note that the Ludlum 177 and 2241 do not have user adjustable settings for HV and THRESHOLD.
 - An initial set-up must be performed for each meter-probe combination prior to field use.
 - A source with known pedigree must be counted to verify the efficiency is within 10% of the calibrated efficiency, as applicable.
2. The RP Group will coordinate the calibration of boxes and probes on a minimum annual basis and after major repair operations. Battery and / or cable change-outs do not require re-calibration. Calibration procedures are outside of the scope of this instruction.
3. Pre-operational checks are required daily prior to use. Post-operational checks are performed as specified in work plans or procedures. Instruments used in the performance of daily activities do not normally require a post-operational check..
4. Instruments that fail operational checks or malfunction during use should be tagged or labeled “Out-of-Service” or “Do Not Use” and segregated from operational instruments. If possible, describe the problem on the tag / label and add initials and date.
5. Instruments leaving RP Group control (i.e., repair, calibration, excess, etc.) shall be surveyed for unconditional release according to the contamination criteria established in Table 1 of the Site RPP. The repair / calibration center may request a copy of the survey accompany any shipments of RP instruments.
6. Ensure meters with a “WINDOW” or “WIN” setting are set to “OUT.”
7. Instruments may be operated in the FAST response mode if necessary. This setting is recommended if the audible response cannot be heard. SLOW response shall be used when performing instrument set-up and operational checks.
8. Ludlum NaI crystals are located in the end of the probe opposite of the cable connection. Use this end for surveys.
9. Calibration stickers are attached to the instruments and detectors. Illegible stickers should be replaced prior to instrument use.
10. Instrument set-up and subsequent operational checks should be performed in the same location, with consistent temperature and background radiation levels.

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11. Source positioning devices (i.e., jigs) may be used to ensure a reproducible geometry between instrument checks. Source geometry must be consistent between initial instrument set-up and subsequent operational checks.
12. Instruments that do not have scaler capability should be set-up and checked by replacing 1-minute timed counts with static count rate measurements. Each static measurement should last until the meter reading fully stabilizes.

10.2 Instrument Set-Up

1. Inspect the meter-probe combination for physical damage or defect.
2. Complete Section A of the Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Attachment 1).
3. Perform 10 1-minute source counts alternating with 10 1-minute background counts. Remove / replace the source and reposition the probe after each count. During alternating background counts, ensure that the source is sufficiently shielded so as not to impact background values.

NOTE: Counts (Source and Background) performed with a Ludlum 43-5, or other large surface area probe, should be alternated between the Heel, Center, and Toe Positions, if the source surface is smaller than the active surface area of the probe. Instrument response can vary greatly across the probe surface.

4. Document each count on the Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet.
5. Calculate and record the net count value by subtracting the corresponding background count from each source count.

NOTE: Determining Sigma (Standard Deviation) values is useful when specific plans or activities require higher data quality objectives and / or when the development of control charts is necessary.

6. Calculate and record the following values from the obtained background counts:
 - Avg. Value (Sum of values / # of counts)
 - Sigma Value (Standard Deviation of all counts)
 - 20% Value (Avg. Value * 0.20)
7. Calculate and record the +/- 20% Values and the +/- 1,2, and 3 Sigma values using the AVG. VALUE as a reference point.
8. Repeat the previous two steps for determining NET COUNT acceptable ranges. The 3 Sigma value must be less than the +/- 20% value.
9. Obtain a blank Daily Field Source Check Logsheet (DFSCL) (Attachment 2) and transfer the instrument, source, and acceptable range data, as applicable, from the Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet.
10. Place the DFSCL in the designated use location and forward the completed Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet and submit to the RSO, or designee for review.
11. Ensure sources are stored properly after use in the designated source storage location.

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10.3 Operational Check

1. Obtain the selected meter-probe combination and corresponding DFSCl (Attachment 2).
2. Record the date and time on the DFSCl.
3. Perform and document the following checks on the DFSCl, as applicable:
 - Perform a physical inspection. Observe for instrument damage. Alpha probes should be checked for light leaks by inverting the probe face towards a light source and observing instrument response. If the instrument fails to respond at all or over-responds this may be an indication of a light leak and should be investigated further, prior to proceeding.
 - Perform a battery check. Instrument Models differ in method. Some meters have a visible battery range on the meter face. The Ludlum Model 2241 has a battery indicator in the digital display that lights if the batteries require replacement. The Ludlum Model 2221 has a BAT button that brings up the battery level in the digital display. Ensure this value is at least 5.0v. Change batteries and retest as necessary.
 - Verify and adjust the HV, when possible, to match the initial set-up data. Minute differences in HV (+/- 5v) are acceptable without adjustment.
 - Perform an audio response check..
4. Perform and record a 1-minute background count. Report any abnormal background responses to the RSO, prior to instrument use. Normally acceptable background levels < 5 cpm for alpha probes, and < 300 cpm for Pancake G-M probes. Acceptable background levels for NaI probes are variable due to crystal size and based on technician experience.
5. Perform and record a 1-minute source gross count using the same source and geometry applied during initial set-up.
6. Calculate and record the net count value.
7. Compare the net count value to the acceptable range. If the instrument response is outside the acceptable range, the process may be repeated a maximum of 1 additional time before placing the instrument out-of-service.
8. If the instrument fails the pre-operational checks, mark FAIL, initial the DFSCl, and place the instrument out-of-service. Deliver completed DFSCl to the RSO or designee, and explain the failed condition(s).
9. If all checks pass, mark PASS, initial the DFSCl, and return form to designated in-use storage location. This may be a binder, folder, or cabinet. The instrument is now ready for use.
10. If the instrument will be used for routine personnel exit monitoring ensure the alarm threshold is set to alarm and actuates at a level below the site removable contamination limits identified in Table 6-1 of the Site Safety & Health Plan (SSHP). Make adjustments as necessary.

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11. Ensure sources are stored properly after use in the designated source storage location.

10.4 Operations

1. Operate instrument in a manner that minimizes the potential for cross-contamination and physical damage.
2. Evaluate the surface or area to be surveyed for potential scanning interferences. For example, thin layers of water or soil can prevent the detection of alpha contamination. Another example is the use of a NaI probe to qualify soil contamination. The presence of standing water can have a significant impact on instrument response. Initiate necessary corrective actions prior to survey or note conditions during survey reporting.
3. Most instruments will operate in temperatures between 10 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit. However, anytime the temperature is outside of the 32 degree (freezing) or 100 degrees ranges, observe the following precautions:
 - Use particular caution with NaI crystals that may shatter under extreme temperature changes. If the temperature difference is greater than 30 degrees between storage and usage locations, wrap the probe tightly in a cloth towel or other insulator and allow warming or cooling over at least one hour prior to use.
 - Periodically check the instrument against a known source of radiation or contamination. If the instrument appears to be responding incorrectly contact the RSO or designee for guidance.
 - Contact the RSO for guidance anytime work is planned outside of the 10 to 120 degree range.
4. Protect instruments to the extent possible from exposure to moisture (i.e., rain, snow, etc.) during use. Instruments shall be stored in a safe manner when not in use.
5. Minimum Detectable Activities (MDA) for each survey should be determined by evaluating field background levels, not background values obtained during operational checks. Calculate MDA using the formula provided in PP-8-805, "Radiological Surveys."
6. Determining activity in disintegrations per minute (dpm) should be performed using the instrument efficiency obtained during calibration. Efficiencies are normally not established for NaI probes, and therefore should not be used for quantifying activity concentrations. The use of NaI probes for activity quantification shall be evaluated by the RSO prior to performance.
7. Observe the following when performing survey scans and static measurements:
 - Alpha probes should be held within ¼-inch of the surface being surveyed. Probe speed should not exceed 1 probe width per second.
 - Beta probes should be held within ½-inch of the surface being surveyed. Survey speed should not exceed one probe width per second.

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- NaI probes should be held as close as possible to the surface being surveyed without contaminating the probe housing. Note that the crystal is located in the probe end opposite the cable connection. Use appropriate sleeving or wrapping in wet or dirty environments.
 - The scan speed for performing Gamma Walkover Surveys is approximately 0.5 m/sec. Move the detector side to side using a 1-meter path length. Each side-side swing should take 2 seconds to traverse the 1-meter path. Advance the probe forward as you go at a rate of approximately 0.5 m/sec. Use the audio function. When increased counts are detected, slow down and locate the source as would be done in a normal survey. Walk parallel paths to ensure that 100% of the area is surveyed. Ensure that the survey extends to the boundaries of the survey unit. Pay particular attention to low lying areas, ditches, and points of possible contamination.
 - Static measurements should be performed in any location where scans indicated the presence of activity. This is due to the fact that instrument MDAs are normally based on a 1-minute static measurement.
 - All static measurements should be at least 1 minute, if the instrument has a scaler function. If the instrument is a ratemeter only, static measurements should last until the meter reading has fully stabilized.
8. Perform a post-operational check after use if directed by work plan, procedure, or the RSO.

11.0 ATTACHMENTS

Note: Attachments may be revised without formal review of this procedure and are attached as examples only. Please contact the RSO for a current copy of these attachments.

Attachment 1 Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Typical)

Attachment 2 Daily Field Source Check Logsheet (Typical)

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Attachment 1
Portable Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Typical)

PORTABLE INSTRUMENT SET-UP SHEET

Set-Up Location: _____

INSTRUMENT DATA		COUNT (n)	Source Counts	Source Count Time (min)	Source CPM	Background Counts	Background Count Time (min)	Background CPM	NET CPM
INSTRUMENT	DETECTOR	1							
MODEL		2							
SERIAL #		3							
CAL DUE		4							
HV		5							
THRESHOLD		6							
SOURCE DATA		7							
ISOTOPE		8							
SERIAL #		9							
ACTIVITY (uCi)		10							
ACTIVITY (dpm)									
REMARKS									

Performed By: _____

Date / Time: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Date / Time: _____

Attachment 2
Daily Field Source Check Logsheet (Typical)

MONTH / YEAR: _____

DAILY FIELD SOURCE CHECK LOG

INSTRUMENT DATA			Date/Time	Physical	Battery	High Voltage	Audio	Background CPM {A}	Source CPM {B}	Net CPM {C}	PASS or FAIL	Tech. Initials
INSTRUMENT	DETECTOR											
MODEL												
SERIAL #												
CAL DUE												
SOURCE DATA												
ISOTOPE												
SERIAL #												
ACTIVITY												
dpm												
INSTRUMENT RANGES												
	Background	Net CPM										
+ 20 %												
+ 3 Sigma												
+ 2 Sigma												
+ 1 Sigma												
- 1 Sigma												
- 2 Sigma												
- 3 Sigma												
- 20 %												
NET CPM CALCULATION												
			{B} - {A} = {C}									
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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure specifies the methods for performing source checks and operating portable Gamma scintillation dose rate instruments, specifically, the Ludlum Model 12s uR and the Bicon Model Micro Rem. These instruments are used for the evaluation of exposure rates from radioactive materials and determining environmental radiation levels.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure addresses those instruments that measure dose rate from a scintillation detector and have displays that read in uR/hr, uRem/hr and/or mRem/hr such as Ludlum 12s, Bicon Micro Rem, or Eberline RO-2. Equivalent instruments that operate in a similar fashion to those identified in this section may be operated under this Project Procedure with RSO approval.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. ANSI N323-1978, Radiation Protection Instrument Test and Calibration.
2. Instrument Technical Manuals.
3. Perma-Fix Environmental Services (PESI) RPP

4.0 DEFINITIONS

None

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Reviewing and approving changes to this procedure and ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.
- Ensuring an adequate inventory of Radiation Protection instruments are available to support remediation activities.
- Overseeing the issue, control and accountability of Radiation Protection instrumentation per the requirements of this procedure.

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- Ensuring transmittal of all issue, control and accountability records to the appropriate document control authority when applicable.

5.2 Radiation Protection Technician (RPT)

- Maintaining instrument documentation and records as required by this procedure.
- Maintaining adequate instrument and equipment availability.
- Verifying current calibration and response test dates prior to issue or use of instruments.
- Promptly returning instruments to their proper location when work is complete.
- Ensuring that instruments are properly surveyed for contamination and decontaminated as necessary, after use.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

- Only personnel with documented training shall issue or use RP instrumentation.
- Instruments and detectors shall be inspected for mechanical damage, and response tested prior to issue.
- Any instrument to be used shall have a current calibration label affixed to the instrument.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- Portable count rate survey instrumentations are susceptible to damage from physical and environmental stresses.

8.0 APPARATUS

- Survey instrument
- Tech source
- Source positioning device (jig)

9.0 RECORDS

- Daily Field Source Check Log – Exposure Rate Instruments (Attachment 1)
- Exposure Rate Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Attachment 2)

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 General

1. Ensure the instrument selected is within their acceptable calibration periods. This is indicated on an attached calibration sticker. Illegible stickers should be replace prior to instrument use.
2. The RP Group will coordinate instrument calibration on a minimum annual basis and after major repair operations. Battery change-outs do not require re-calibration. Calibration procedures are outside of the scope of this instruction.
3. Pre-operational source checks are required daily, or prior to each intermittent use, whichever is less frequent. Post-operational source checks are performed as specified in work plans or procedures. Instruments used in the performance of daily activities do not normally require a post-operational source check.

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4. Instrument set-up and subsequent operational checks should be performed in the same location, with consistent temperature and radiation background levels.
5. Use a gamma check source with an activity sufficient to produce contact exposure rates at least ten times higher than background. Cs-137 is typically since it emits 662 keV gamma rays which are representative of the mid-range of gamma energies encountered at NFSS. Alternate sources may be used with RSO approval.
6. Source positioning devices (i.e., jigs) should be used to ensure a reproducible geometry between instrument checks. Source geometry must be consistent between initial instrument set-up and subsequent operational checks.
7. The Ludlum 12s may be operated in the FAST response mode. Switch to SLOW response for obtaining precise readings.
8. Internal scintillation crystals are orientated towards the front of the instrument. Meter cases have visible indicators showing optimum locations to obtain measurements (i.e. effective detector center).
9. Allow instrument readings to maximize prior to recording instrument reading. This may take up to twenty seconds. Note that the needle may not rest on a single value, but may fluctuate slightly between two points on the scale. If this is the case, an average reading should be obtained by summing these two end points and dividing by two.
10. Instruments should be allowed to warm-up for at least one minute prior to obtaining readings.
11. Report any abnormal instrument readings (e.g., unstable analog meter fluctuations), or background inconsistencies to the RSO, prior to continuing instrument use.
12. Instruments that fail operational checks or malfunction during use should be tagged or labeled "Out-of-Service," or "Do Not Use," and segregated from operational instruments. If possible, describe the problem on the tag / label and add initials and date.
13. Instruments leaving RPP Group control (i.e., repair, calibration, excess, etc.) shall be surveyed for unconditional release. The repair / calibration center may request a copy of the survey to accompany shipments of RP instruments.

10.2 Instrument Source Check

1. Obtain the selected instrument.
2. Obtain the corresponding Daily Field Source Check Log – Exposure Rate Instruments form, Attachment 1. This form will be referred to as the "Source Check Log." Initiate a new Source Check Log, if necessary.
3. Perform a physical inspection of the instrument. Place particular emphasis on the following items:
 - Instrument case is not visibly damaged beyond minor scrapes and scratches.
 - Analog display is not cracked or otherwise damaged.

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- Switches and buttons are functional.
 - Audio, if present, is functional.
 - Calibration labels are legible and instrument is within calibration period.
4. Note results of physical inspection on the Source Check Log.
 5. Verify the battery level is within the acceptable range on the analog display. Replace batteries and re-verify, as necessary.
 6. Note battery check results on the Source Check Log.
 7. Verify the high voltage (HV) level is within the acceptable range on the analog display, if present. Place the instrument out-of-service if the HV is outside the acceptable range.
 8. Note the HV check results on the Source Check Log.
 9. If acceptable background ranges have not been established, perform the following:
 - Obtain a blank NFSS Exposure Rate Instrument Set-Up Sheet, Attachment 2. This form will be referred to as the “Set-Up Sheet.”
 - Record the basic source and instrument information at the top of the form.
 - Using the instrument and the source jig (without source), obtain and record ten background readings. The instrument should be removed from the source jig and repositioned after each reading is obtained. Make sure the location where readings are obtained has stable background levels and is the location used for subsequent source checks.
 - Calculate and record the average background value and +/- 20% values on both the set-up and source check logsheets.
 10. Obtain and record an average background reading on the source check log.
 11. Compare the average background reading to the acceptable range. If background response is outside this range, report the condition to the RSO for evaluation, otherwise continue with source check process.
 12. Obtain the source to be used for instrument source checks.
 13. If acceptable source check ranges have not been established, perform the following:
 - Obtain the Set-Up Sheet used to determine acceptable background ranges for the instrument.
 - Using the instrument and the source jig (with source), obtain and record ten contact source readings. The instrument and source should be removed from the source jig and repositioned after each reading is obtained. Make sure the location where readings are obtained is the same location where previous background readings were obtained.
 - Calculate and record the average source value and +/- 20% values on both the set-up and source check logsheets.

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14. Load the source and instrument onto the source jig.
15. Obtain and record the “CONTACT” reading.
16. Verify the contact reading is within the acceptable range (+/- 20%).
17. If the contact source reading falls outside the acceptable range, tag the instrument out of service and notify the RSO, otherwise continue.
18. Complete the source check log including technician initials. The instrument is now ready for use.
19. Ensure sources and forms are stored properly after use in the designated storage location. Forms are retained in RP Instrument logbooks of field files during instrument use (i.e. calibration) cycle. Records are then reviewed by the RSO, or designee for completeness and forward to Project Records for retention.

10.3 Operations

1. Verify that required source checks have been performed prior to initial instrument use.
2. Operate instrument in a manner that minimizes the potential for cross-contamination and physical damage.
3. Limit readings taken while the instrument is positioned sideways to minimize the effects of “geotropism” on the analog needle.
4. Obtain readings by positioning the instrument as close to the detector’s “effective center” as possible. The detector effective center is represented on the instrument housing a cross inside a circle on the Bicron Micro Rem, and a small circular depression on the Ludlum 12s. Overall optimum readings are collected from the front of the instrument housing.
5. Most instruments will operate in temperatures between 10 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit. However, anytime the temperature is outside of the 32 degree (freezing) or 100 degree ranges, observe the following precautions:
 - Be observant of instrument response to background. If the instrument begins to show a decreased response to expected background levels contact the RSO, or designee for guidance.
 - If practicable, perform a period response check of the instrument against a known source of radiation. If the instrument appears to be responding incorrectly contact the RSO or designee for guidance.
 - Contact the RSO for guidance anytime work is planned outside of the 10 to 120 degree range.
6. Protect instruments, to the extent possible, from exposure to moisture (i.e. rain, snow, etc.) during use. Instruments shall be stored in a safe manner when not in use.
7. Perform a post-operational source check after use, if directed by work plan, procedure, or the RSO.

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11.0 ATTACHMENTS

Attached forms are examples and may be modified by the RSO, as needed, without revision to this procedure.

Attachment 1 Daily Field Source Check Log – Exposure Rate Instruments (Typical)

Attachment 2 Exposure Rate Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Typical)

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Attachment 1

Daily Field Source Check Log – Exposure Rate Instruments (Typical)

MONTH / YEAR: _____

FMSS DAILY FIELD SOURCE CHECK LOG
- EXPOSURE RATE INSTRUMENTS




INSTRUMENT DATA		Date/Time	Physical	Battery	High Voltage	Audio	Background	Contact Source	PASS or FAIL	Tech. Initials
INSTRUMENT										
MODEL										
SERIAL#										
CAL DUE										
HV										
SOURCE DATA										
ISOTOPE										
SERIAL #										
ACTIVITY										
uCi										
INSTRUMENT RANGES										
Background	Contact Source									
+ 20 %										
- 20 %										
Units (Circle One)										
uR	urem	mR	mrem	R	rem					
Remarks:										Reviewed by:

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Attachment 2
Exposure Rate Instrument Set-Up Sheet (Typical)

FMSS EXPOSURE RATE INSTRUMENT SET-UP SHEET									
Set-Up Location: _____									
INSTRUMENT DATA		READING (n)	Background Rate	Contact Source Rate	CALCULATED AVERAGE AND RANGES				
	INSTRUMENT				Background			Contact Source	
	MODEL	1				Average + 20%			
	SERIAL #	2					Average		
	CAL DUE DATE	3							
	HV	4							
		5					Average - 20%		
SOURCE DATA		6			Units (Circle One)				
	ISOTOPE	7			uR	urem	mR	mrem	R rem
	SERIAL #	8			REMARKS				
	ACTIVITY (uCi)	9							
		10							
Performed By:		Date/Time:		Reviewed By:		Date/Time:			

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1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure provides guidance and requirements for the control of radioactive materials including the management of radioactive waste. The Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management Program applies to the receipt, inventory, storage and handling of radioactive materials; the release of materials from Restricted Areas; the control of radioactive sealed sources; the control of materials and contaminated tools and equipment entering and/or leaving Restricted Areas; and the management of waste including transportation and disposal.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure applies to all PESI Project personnel and all decommissioning projects that involve radioactive materials. This procedure does not apply to the monitoring of liquid and gaseous effluents, radiological environmental monitoring, or final termination surveys of the reactor or facilities.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Radiation."
2. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 4.5; Environmental Health Standards for the Management of Hazardous Waste
3. California Executive Order D-62-02 regarding disposal of decommissioned materials.
4. 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 20; Standards for Protection Against Radiation, and Transfer and Disposal and Manifests
5. 49 CFR, Subchapter C "Transportation – Hazardous materials Regulations"

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6. 40 CFR, Subchapter I "Solid Wastes"
7. 40 CFR Part 260-273 "Hazardous Waste Management System"
7. USNRC Circular 81-07, "Control of Radioactively Contaminated Materials."
8. USNRC IE Information Notice No. 80-22, "Breakdowns in Contamination Control Programs."
9. ANSI N13.2-1969, "USA Standard Guide for Administrative Practices in Radiation Monitoring (A Guide for Management)."
10. RP -102, "Radiological Posting Requirements."
11. RP -104, "Radiological Surveys."
12. RP- 105, "Unrestricted Release Requirements."
13. RP -114, "Control of Radiation Protection Records."

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Radioactive material controls are established to provide positive control of radioactive material, prevent inadvertent release of radioactive material to uncontrolled areas, ensure personnel are not unknowingly exposed to radiation from lost or misplaced radioactive material, and to minimize the amount of radioactive waste material generated during PESI activities.

4.2 Definitions

Aggregate Material: Items or materials that by their physical nature do not lend themselves to being effectively surveyed using portable instrumentation and require bulk or composite survey techniques or representative sampling and analysis.

Conditional Release of Material: Items or materials that do not meet unconditional release criteria and that are released under the control of Radiation Protection personnel.

Contamination Area (CA): Means any area with loose surface contamination values in excess of the applicable values specified in RP-104 Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels that is accessible to personnel, or any additional area specified by the RSO. The Contamination Area posting is defined as more restrictive than Radioactive Material Areas, hence all Contamination Area postings are considered to be Radioactive Material postings.

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Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA): The smallest amount or concentration of radioactive material in a sample that will yield a net count, above system background, that will be detected with 95% probability with only 5% probability of falsely concluding that a blank observation represents a "real" signal. MDA depends upon the type of instrument, the counting geometry, and the radionuclide to be detected. MDA has the same meaning as Lower Limit of Detection (LLD). (ANSI N13.3, 1989).

Radioactive Material: Material activated or contaminated by the operation or remediation of the site and by-product material procured and used to support the operation or remediation.

Radioactive Material Area: Any area or room where quantities of radioactive materials in excess of ten times the 10 CFR 20 Appendix C quantities are used or stored, or any area designated a RMA by the RSO which does not exceed the site Contamination Area criteria.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

Unconditional Release of Material: Release of equipment or material to the general public. The equipment and / or material are deemed to meet site release criteria for both total and removable contamination.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

The RSO is responsible for:

- Ensuring adequate staffing, facilities and equipment are available to perform the radioactive material control functions assigned to Radiation Protection personnel.
- Investigating and initiating corrective actions for the improper handling of radioactive material.
- Approving purchase or acquisition of radioactive sources.
- Ensuring a source inventory and leak testing program is established.
- Authorizing the establishment of radioactive material and sealed source storage locations.
- Packaging and transferring radioactive material to appropriate authorities.
- Administering receipt / release survey programs of radioactive material.
- Administering radioactive source inventory and leak testing.
- Ensuring correct posting of radiological area.
- Reviewing results of sample analysis and survey data as required to determine acceptability for release of items.
- Ensuring packages for transport and disposal meet applicable regulations for integrity and dose limits.

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5.2 Certified Waste Shipper

The certified (as required by 49 CFR 172, Subpart H) waste shipper is responsible for:

- Identifying proper packaging and posting requirements for all offsite transport of radioactive and/or mixed wastes.
- Reviewing results of conveyance package radiation surveys and performing inspections of conveyance packages prior to approving packages to leave a site.
- Maintaining records of all waste shipments.
- Assisting the RSO in proper characterization, classification and sampling of any potentially radioactive or mixed waste
- Selecting the treatment, storage and disposal facility (TSDF) to be used for processing, treatment, and/or disposal of radioactive or mixed waste
- Preparing profiles and shipping paperwork for disposal of radioactive or mixed wastes generated
- Directing and performing inspections, marking, labeling and placarding of radioactive or mixed waste prior to shipment
- Selecting the proper packages to use for radioactive or mixed waste
- Maintaining an inventory of radioactive and mixed waste onsite and shipped off the project.
- Ensuring periodic inspections as required by regulation are performed and documented

5.3 Radiation Protection Technicians (RPTs)

The RPT is responsible for:

- Performing and documenting radiation and contamination surveys, inspections and leak tests.
- Posting, securing, and controlling radioactive material and source storage areas.
- Safely opening packages of radioactive material.
- Identifying radioactive material.
- Releasing material in accordance with this and implementing procedures.
- Notifying the RSO or designee on arrival of radioactive material.
- Performing pre-transportation surveys of radioactive materials packaging and conveyance vehicles.

5.4 Project Personnel

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Project personnel are responsible for:

- Adhering to all policies, procedures and other instructions, verbal and written, regarding control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material.
- Reporting any concerns about the control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material to supervision.
- Maintaining good housekeeping at work sites and assisting in preventing the build-up and spread of contamination.
- Obtaining RSO authorization prior to accepting receipt of radioactive material at the project. This includes, but is not limited to items such as sealed sources, liquid standards, and contaminated equipment from other sites, and waste generated outside normal project remediation activities. This is to ensure that required receipt surveys are scheduled, appropriate ALARA considerations are implemented, and that the source term is evaluated for possible effects to the project waste stream criteria.
- Complying with direction from RP personnel regarding the proper methods for receipt, handling, decontamination, packaging, storage, transport and disposal of radioactive material.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

None

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Packages of radioactive material or sources shall NOT be opened until the required receipt survey is performed by RP personnel.

Packages of radioactive waste shall not leave a site until approval to do so is granted by the Certified Waste Shipper.

8.0 RECORDS

- Receipt radiological surveys
- Radiological release surveys
- Radiological transportation surveys
- Source Inventory which includes Leak Test Results
- Transportation records including manifests, transportation checklists, and a transportation log

Records generated shall be transmitted to Project Document Control for filing according to procedure RPP-114.

9.0 PROCEDURE

9.1 Receipt of Radioactive Material

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1. Obtain RSO authorization prior to accepting receipt of radioactive material at the project.
 - Radioactive materials which may be received include, but are not limited to, items such as sealed sources, liquid standards, contaminated equipment from other sites, waste generated outside normal project remediation activities and shipments of radioactive materials from vicinity properties to the PESI for storage and / or transportation and disposal. This is to ensure that required receipt surveys are scheduled, appropriate ALARA considerations are implemented, and that the source term is evaluated for possible effects to the project waste stream criteria.
 - Refer to 10 CFR 71.4 and Appendix A to 10 CFR 71 for definition and limits for “Type A Quantities” of radioactive materials.
 - The RSO may direct receipt surveys to be performed on any incoming radioactive material shipment.
2. If an expected package exceeds Type A quantities, the package requestor shall make arrangements with RP and the carrier to receive or pick-up the shipment when the carrier makes notification of package availability.
3. RP personnel perform receipt inspections and surveys of incoming radioactive material shipments which exceed a Type A quantity (refer to 10 CFR 71.4 and Appendix A of 10 CFR 71) as follows:
 - The inspection and survey shall be performed within three hours of receipt. If received after normal work hours, the survey is required with three hours from the beginning of the next business day.
 - Don latex gloves, at a minimum, when performing incoming inspections and surveys.
 - Inspect the package for leaks or apparent damage.
 - Ensure the contents match the packing slip or shipping papers.
 - Perform a radiation survey of the package exterior.
 - Perform a removable contamination survey of the package interior and exterior.
4. RP Personnel shall store the package in a secure, radiologically posted area, notify the RSO or designee if any the following conditions are observed during receipt of a radioactive material shipment:
 - Contents do not match packing slip or shipping papers
 - The contents of the package do not contain the isotopes or quantities of material as ordered or expected.
 - Package is leaking or sufficiently damaged to compromise package contents.
 - The receipt survey results exceed any of the following limits:
 - Radiation (mrem/hr) – 200 @ Contact or 10 @ 1 meter from the package
 - Removable Contamination (dpm/100cm²) – 2200 Beta-Gamma, 220 Alpha

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9.2 Identification of Radioactive Material

1. Radioactive material exceeding limits specified in 10 CFR 20, Appendix C shall be identified and labeled by Radiation Protection personnel:
 - On receipt of packages containing radioactive material or sources.
 - During removal of items or material from contaminated systems or areas, or from radioactive materials areas.
 - In the course of performing area and job specific surveys.
 - In the course of surveying items for release.
2. Items that meet or exceed the contamination limits established in the PESI RPP should be labeled radioactive material.
3. Use the following guidance, as a minimum, when labeling radioactive material:
 - Labels shall only be placed or removed by Radiation Protection personnel.
 - Unique features (e.g., yellow plastic bags, yellow and magenta tags, purple paint, etc.) should be used to clearly identify the physical and radiological parameters of the material.
 - Labeling shall state "CAUTION - RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL."
4. Exceptions to labeling requirements for radioactive material are as follows:
 - The item or material is under the direct control of personnel who are aware of the contents and the associated radiological hazards.
 - The material is radiation protection equipment (e.g., respirators, instruments, etc.).
 - The material consists of radiological samples being analyzed or sampling equipment controlled by Radiation Protection personnel.
 - The material is packaged and labeled in accordance with DOT regulations while awaiting transport.
 - The material is contained in permanently installed equipment and / or potentially contaminated systems.
 - The material consists of permanently installed equipment or components, including check sources installed in radiation monitoring equipment, which have manufacturer supplied check source labels affixed. Radiation level posting requirements shall remain applicable.
 - The material consists of laundered protective clothing:
 - a. In controlled use, inside the Restricted Area; or
 - b. Stored in designated laundry containers.
 - The material consists of check sources or sealed sources and source storage containers identified as radioactive material with identifiable labels affixed to the source.

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- The material is stored or in-use in a posted Contamination Area or Airborne Radioactivity Area. All items in these areas are considered potentially radioactive/contaminated until properly dispositioned by RP personnel.
 - The material consists of contaminated items (e.g., hand tools) impractical to label, that are marked with magenta paint.
5. Project personnel should notify Radiation Protection of any items or containers with lost or damaged radioactive material labels.
 6. Material requiring labeling as radioactive material which is found uncontrolled and outside a Restricted Area shall be brought to the immediate attention of RP Personnel.

9.3 Storage of Radioactive Material

1. Radioactive Material Storage Areas shall be posted in accordance with RP -102, "Radiological Posting Requirements."
2. Radiation Protection personnel should consider the following when specifying radiological requirements for Radioactive Material Storage Areas:
 - Changes to radiation levels in an area as a result of material storage.
 - External environmental conditions are such that significant container degradation does not occur during storage.
 - Material is adequately packaged and controlled to minimize the potential for loss of radioactive material control
3. Unsealed radioactive materials e.g. soil, debris, liquids will be posted and controlled in accordance with RP-102, Radiological Posting Requirements.
4. Soil, debris, and materials will be staged in appropriate containers/bags or covered with tarps as necessary to prevent migration outside of radiological boundaries.
5. Liquids will be stored in appropriate containers (e.g. drums, totes, etc.)
6. All storage containers will be labeled with pertinent information including description and radiological data.
7. PPE requirements for handling radioactive materials are established in the applicable RWP and procedure RP-132, *Selection and Use of Radiological PPE*.

9.4 Special Considerations for Control of Accountable Radioactive Sources

1. The RSO, or designee shall serve as the Source Custodian and shall be responsible for the following:
 - Ensuring that all accountable radioactive sources are stored in their designated storage location when not in use.
 - Maintaining a source inventory that includes accountable source identification, isotopic content, activity, assay date, designated storage location, and date and results of most recent semi-annual leak test.

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2. Any individual planning to procure a radioactive source for the project shall request approval from the RSO in writing. This request shall include a justification for bringing additional sources onto the project and shall include all necessary source information to update the source inventory.
3. Licensed sources under the control of a licensee (e.g., radiography sources, soil density gauges, etc.) are not maintained in the project accountable source inventory. Project personnel requesting such vendor services shall ensure that the RSO receives evidence of the following prior to source mobilization to the project:
 - Source license including isotope and source activity
 - Semi-annual leak testing performed by the licensee
4. Source Custodian, or designee shall ensure that a leak test is performed and documented for any accountable source in inventory under any the following conditions:
 - Upon source receipt in inventory
 - Semi-annually
 - Prior to transfer to a new permanent storage location
 - Prior to disposal
 - If source integrity is compromised
5. A source leak test consists of a physical source inventory, a visual inspection for source integrity and a contamination survey capable of detecting the presence of 0.005 microcuries (200 Bq) of removable radioactivity.
6. If direct contact with the source is impractical (i.e., inaccessible, unsafe from an ALARA standpoint, or could potentially compromise source integrity) the source container or storage location may be surveyed as representative of the leak test.
7. All accountable sealed radioactive sources or their individual storage containers shall bear a durable label or tag which includes the following minimum information:
 - Source Identification
 - Radionuclide(s)
 - Source Activity
 - Assay Date
 - Source Custodian Name and Contact Number
8. The RSO shall establish designated locations for the storage of accountable radioactive sources using the following guidance:
 - Sources should be stored in a lockable location
 - Sources should be stored to minimize exposure to fire or combustible materials
 - Sources should be stored in such a manner to minimize radiation exposure to personnel routinely present in the area.

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9.5 Movement of Radioactive Material

1. Radioactive material or contaminated material shall be properly contained before moving to minimize radiation levels and prevent spread of contamination.
2. Obtain direction from the Project Transportation Specialist and / or the RSO prior to transporting radioactive materials across public highways or railroads regulated by the Department of Transportation. Transport shall be performed in accordance with this procedure and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

9.6 Control of Tools, Equipment and Material

1. All items to be released from radiological controls shall be surveyed by RP personnel.
2. The RSO may authorize the establishment of “Hot Tool” storage areas for reusable contaminated tools, components, equipment and material. If labeling of these items (e.g., hand tools) is impractical, magenta paint may be used to identify the item as radioactive material.
3. Project Management should ensure that adequate supplies of clean and “hot” tools are available project personnel. This maximizes worker effectiveness in radiological areas, minimizes survey and decontamination efforts, and reduces radioactive waste generated.
4. Radioactive waste receptacles will be established and maintained for the disposal of items.

9.7 Release of Items from Radioactive Material Controls

1. RP personnel shall perform surveys to release items from radioactive material controls, with the following exception:
 - Hand-carried items (e.g., pens, paper, flashlights, logbooks, clipboards, safety glasses, dosimetry, badges, etc.) under a single individual’s control and that are not expected to have come into contact with potentially contaminated surfaces may be monitored by that individual during the personnel frisking process.
2. RP personnel will survey items designated for unrestricted release according to RPP-105, “Unrestricted Release of Equipment.”
3. RP personnel shall ensure the labeling is appropriate and direct Project personnel as how to best disposition the item (i.e., decontamination, packaging, storage, or disposal as radioactive waste) if an item is contaminated and cannot be released for unrestricted use.
4. RP personnel shall ensure that any labeling or marking identifying the item as radioactive material is removed or thoroughly defaced if the release survey indicates that the item may be released for unrestricted use.

9.8 Transportation and Disposal of Radioactive Waste

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1. Characterization sampling and analysis of waste for radioactive and hazardous constituents shall be performed to ensure waste meets the selected waste facility's Waste Acceptance Criteria.
2. Waste which is considered "decommissioned waste" (waste with residual radioactivity distinguishable from background regardless if it meets alternative requirements for unrestricted release) shall not be disposed of in a Class III California land fill or in a California unclassified waste management unit in accordance with California Executive Order D-62-02.
3. Packaging of waste shall be commensurate with the radionuclide(s) activity and the physical form of the waste in accordance with 49 CFR 178.350 (if applicable).
4. Labeling and placarding of waste packages shall be performed in accordance with 49 CFR 178.350 (if applicable).
5. Radiation surveys shall be performed on waste packaging and/or conveyance vehicles. These surveys shall include dose rates as required by 49 CFR 173 and offsite transportation shall not be permitted if applicable dose limits are exceeded.
6. A transportation inspection shall be performed and documented on the "Transportation Checklist Form" (**Attachment 1**) prior to waste shipments leaving a site.
7. Proper shipping paperwork shall be completed and shall accompany all transports of radioactive waste.
8. Emergency response guidance and contact information shall be provided to all conveyors of radioactive waste (refer to **Attachment 2**).
9. Records of waste disposal shall be maintained sufficient to meet the requirements of CDPH 5314 (to support eventual license termination). Information required includes inventory of waste, dates of transfer, and recipient information. These records should be maintained even if license termination is not the immediate goal of a project.

10.0 ATTACHMENTS

1. Transportation Checklist Form
2. Emergency Response Instructions

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Attachment 1
Transportation Checklist Form



TRANSPORT VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Shipment No.		Carrier DOT Hazmat Registration No. / Exp. Date					
Carrier Name:		Tractor No.				Trailer No.	
Drivers Name:		State:		License No.		Exp. Date	
	ITEM	STATUS		STATUS		CRITERIA	
		Pre Load		Post Load			
		SAT	UNSAT	SAT	UN SAT		
1	Operator's License					Driver possesses a valid commercial driver's license (with a tank vehicle or hazardous materials endorsement) to operate the vehicle	
2	Windshield, Side Glass and Mirrors					No cracked or broken glass that would affect the vision of the driver. Mirror(s) in place and usable	
3	Wipers					Wipers operate and are in good condition	
4	Horn					Air/electric horn(s) work	
5	Suspension					Visually check for loose, broken, or damaged spring leaves, "U" bolts, shackles. Pads, torque arms, and locking pins	
6	Brake Lines					Brake lines and connectors do not have cracks, crimps, restrictions, or evidence of damage or audible air leaks	
7	Brake Pots, Cams					Brake pots are in good physical condition and mechanical linkages are intact and in good condition	
8	Exhaust System					No loose or broken brackets and no evidence of leaks which would affect driving/sleeping compartment	
9	Fuel System					No visible damage affecting fuel tank integrity, no visible leaks, no loose or broken mounting brackets, no evidence of damage to vents, and fuel cap is securely in place	
10	Structure, Welds					No visible significant cracks in major welds	
11	Frame					No cracked, loose, sagging, or broken frame	
12	Trailer Floor					No holes or projecting nails. Capable of bearing weight of load and fork truck (if used)	
13	Trailer Walls					No holes, severe dents or buckling	
14	Trailer End Gate					Can be closed and secured properly	
15	Rims					Rims are not bent or cracked and stud nuts are in place	
16	Tires					Tires appear properly inflated, tread depths appear greater than minimum (tread depth at least 1/8" on front and 1/16" on all others) and show no evidence of cuts or damage affecting the ply cord	
17	Hubs					No visible oil leakage from seals	
18	Head Lights					Both low beams working	
19	Running Lights					All affixed running lights operable	
20	Turn Signals					Front and back working	
21	Brake Lights					Must work on tractor and trailer	
22	Liner					Insure liner is properly installed	
23	Cleanliness					No amount of material from the site on external surfaces of the conveyance.	
PRE-LOAD INSPECTION		(Printed Name, below)				(Signature, below)	
INSPECTION DATE:							
POST-LOAD INSPECTION		(Printed Name, below)				(Signature, below)	
INSPECTION DATE:							
Comments:							
REVIEWED BY:		(Printed Name, below)				(Signature, below)	
REVIEW DATE:							

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Attachment 2
Emergency Response Instructions



EMERGENCY RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

Manifest No.: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER:

MATERIAL DESCRIPTION:

IMMEDIATE ACTIONS:

RENDER FIRST AID TO INJURED PERSONS

SECURE THE IMMEDIATE AREA

REPORT THE EMERGENCY

FIRST AID:

Use First Aid according to the nature of the injury

Do not delay care and transport of a seriously injured person

Advise medical personnel that injured persons who may have contacted spilled material may be contaminated with low level radioactive material

SECURE THE IMMEDIATE AREA:

Keep unnecessary people at least 160 feet away in all directions and upwind of shipment

Fight small fires with portable extinguisher, *if safe to do so*

Isolate the area and deny entry to unnecessary personnel

REPORT THE EMERGENCY:

Contact the applicable Emergency Phone Number listed at the top of this page.



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Date

1.0 PURPOSE

This project procedure defines the requirements for controlling Radiation Protection Program records. It also establishes the requirements for review and temporary storage of these records at PESI Sites prior to transmittal to Document Control.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

The requirements of this procedure are applicable to records generated by the Radiation Protection Group, and apply to all documents considered to be records.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. 10 CFR 20 "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
2. PESI, "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"

4.0 DEFINITIONS

Non-record: Non-record material includes those classes of documentary or other material that shall be disposed of without archival authority. Examples are copies of records transmitted to Document Control, paper copies of e-mail, and informal notes.

Records: For the purpose of this procedure, records shall be interpreted as radiation protection records. A record is considered to have been "generated" when it has been completed, signed (or initialed) by the generator, and completed required reviews. Examples of records are all survey forms and original Radiation Work Permits (RWP).

Retention Period: The period of time that a record may be retained by the Radiation Protection Group, prior to transmittal to Document Control.

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5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

- Implementing this procedure, and performing oversight activities to ensure compliance with the requirements of this document.
- Establishing an RP Record Retention Schedule.
- Ensuring adequate storage space and personnel are available to perform Records Management activities.

5.2 Radiation Protection Records Coordinator (RC)

- Acts as the departmental contact for records.
- Ensures that records are adequately controlled according to this procedure.
- Ensures that records are transmitted to Document Control in a timely fashion, as defined by this procedure.

5.3 Radiation Protection Technicians (RPT)

- Complying with the requirement for this procedure.
- Protecting records in their possession from loss or damage.

6.0 PROCEDURE

6.1 Radiation Protection Group Functions

6.1.1 All personnel assigned to the group shall control records in accordance with applicable requirements of this procedure beginning when a record is first generated.

6.1.2 Records shall be prepared in accordance with Project Procedures. Preparation of these documents shall conform to the following:

Document content, including signatures, shall be:

- Legible and reproducible
- Appropriate for the particular activity performed
- Complete per the applicable requirements
- Traceable to the activity or item to which it applies

6.1.3 If records are damaged (i.e., torn, lost, illegible, or incomplete), action shall be taken and documented to ensure that re-created records are as complete and accurate as possible. Re-created records shall be identified as copies and be signed and dated by the generator.

6.2 Records Coordinator (RC)

6.2.1 The Radiation Protection RC shall:

- Ensure that all records received for transmittal are included on the Record Retention Schedule. The RSO should be notified if any record is not on the schedule.
- Review the records for acceptability by ensuring the content of the record complies with this procedure. The RC shall review each record ensuring that the record is legible, complete, signed and dated, and that the record contains sufficient information to fulfill the intended purpose of the record.

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NOTE: The RC is not responsible for the technical adequacy or correctness of the record.

- Coordinate appropriate corrective action with the RSO when the condition of the records is not acceptable.
- Transmit records according to Document Control
- Prepare a document transmittal form, attach the completed form to the documentation package, and forward the records to Document Control.
- Retain a copy of the returned document transmittal form, which documents transmittal to Document Control.
- Maintain a Records Retention Schedule, approved by the RSO and provide a copy to Document Control.

6.3 Control of Records

- 6.3.1 Records shall be controlled and properly maintained from the time the record is generated until it is transmitted to Document Control
- 6.3.2 Records shall be stored in a controlled environment that protects the records from damage (i.e., winds, floods, fires, high and low temperatures and humidity and infestation of insects, mold, or rodents).
- 6.3.3 Each record shall be reviewed by the RSO to ensure that:
- The record contains sufficient information to fulfill the intended purpose of the document.
 - The content of the record is accurate and complete.
- 6.3.4 Records monitoring transmittal to Document Control shall be stored in a 1-hour fire-rated container, if possible.
- 6.3.5 Storage facilities or cabinets with confidential information should be locked when unattended. Storage facilities for other document should be locked when unattended as is practicable.
- 6.3.6 Records that are in the process of being generated may be controlled by electronic storage, provided there is data back-up available.
- 6.3.7 Following transmittal, Document Control shall review the documentation to ensure that it is complete as indicated on the transmittal form, sign and date the transmittal form signifying receipt of the record package, and return a copy of the signed and dated form to Radiation Protection RC.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS

None



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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to provide consistent methodology for implementing Radiation Worker Training (RWT) at Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. (PESI) Sites.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

RWT is applicable to ALL PESI employees and subcontractors who perform work within Restricted Areas.

3.0 REFERENCES

- 10 CFR 19, "Notices, Instructions and Reports to Workers: Inspections and Investigations."
- 10 CFR 20, "Standards for Protection against Radiation."

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Successful completion of the RWT will qualify employees for unescorted access into Restricted Areas, provided other access requirements are met as specified in procedure RP-101, "Access Control".

Qualified individuals with a demonstrated knowledge of radiological concepts should provide RWT instruction. The RSO approves RWT Instructors.

4.2 Definitions

Controlled Area: An area under the control of PESI management area to which access is limited by Project Management.

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Practical Factors: The “performance-based” portion of RWT that focuses on demonstration and evaluation of safe radiation worker practices. Particular emphasis is given to the donning and doffing of protective clothing and self-monitoring for radioactive contamination.

Radiation Worker: An individual who accesses any Restricted Area unescorted. Radiation Workers shall have successfully completed all requisite medical and training requirements for performing work in Restricted Areas as specified this procedure.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The RSO is responsible for implementation of this procedure and approval of course content and materials.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

Prior to obtaining RWT qualification, individuals shall have submitted evidence of completion of other medical / training requirements established in the PESI Site Safety & Health Plan.

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

- RWT shall be required on a bi annual basis. Active site personnel may be granted up to a 90-day extension beyond the RWT anniversary date, with RSO approval.
- Individuals must have documented evidence of completing both academic and Practical Factors objectives before being allowed to work unsupervised in a Restricted Area.
- Personnel may be allowed to challenge the academic examination portion of this training by passing the examination.
- Bi-Annual re-qualification of the Practical Factors portion of RWT may be by observation of actual work practices.
- A minimum passing score on the RWT exam and Practical Factors is 80%.
- Trained emergency response personnel (Fire Department, Ambulance/EMT, Law Enforcement) responding to on-site emergencies are exempt from this training.
- The RSO may waive the classroom portion of RWT provided the individual is able to show documented proof of successful completion of an equivalent level of training from another facility during the previous 12-month period.
- RP technicians are exempt from this training.

8.0 APPARATUS

None

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9.0 RECORDS

The Site Safety & Health Group shall maintain a copy of the RWT certificate or attendance roster in each employee file.

10.0 PROCEDURE

10.1 RWT Classroom Training

- A. At a minimum, the following topics shall be discussed during RWT:
 - Fundamental of Radioactivity
 - Prenatal Exposure Risks
 - Shaw Group Radiation Protection Plan
 - Site Specific Radiological Hazards / contaminants
 - ALARA Concepts
 - Radiological Postings / Barriers
 - Emergency Response / Evacuation Routes
- B. Provide the trainees with a copy of the course materials and all pertinent training forms.
- C. Present the course material including overhead slides.
- D. Lecture on the associated concepts.
- E. Answer any questions the trainees may have.
- F. Review the material with the trainees prior to administering the exam.
- G. Administer the RWT exam.
- H. The proctor will grade the test and review incorrect answers with the trainee.
- I. Submit the completed exam to RP Document Control.

10.2 RWT Practical Factors Training

- A. At a minimum, the following topics shall be discussed as part of Practical Factors training:
 - Proper PPE donning and doffing procedures
 - Use of RWP
 - Recognition of postings
 - Utilization of ALARA concepts (time, distance, shielding)
 - Use of frisking equipment and proper frisking techniques
- B. Develop a mock-up area from which trainees may be evaluated. Include the following:
 - RWP
 - Radiological postings
 - Ropes / barriers
 - Radiological hazards
 - Whole body frisking instrument
 - In-use work areas may be used, with RSO approval, and provided that airborne generating activities are not underway.



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- C. Introduce the practical training by relating it back to the academics the trainees have just completed.
- D. Explain what will be expected of each trainee.
- E. Demonstrate how to perform the tasks, talk about good practices while doing so.
- F. Allow the participants to practice as you coach.
- G. Proceed to the Mock-Up area and begin Practical Factors evaluation.
- H. Complete a Practical Factors Evaluation Form.
- I. Review evaluation results with the trainee and forward form to RP Document Control.

11.0 ATTACHMENTS

None

Event Reporting and Notification for State of California

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1.0 Purpose

This procedure provides a list of California regulatory contacts, a checklist for initiating emergency notifications, and general guidance for notification of incidents.

2.0 Applicability

This procedure applies to all Perma-Fix (PESI) project personnel, subcontractors, and visitors who access California PESI project sites that are working under PESI's California Radioactive Material License.

3.0 References

- Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
- PESI "Radiation Protection Plan (RPP)"

4.0 Definitions

None specific to this procedure.

5.0 Responsibilities

All project personnel have a responsibility to immediately notify the RSO and project supervision of any condition that may result in a reportable event. All project personnel have "stop work" authority for any situation that may pose an imminent threat to personnel or the environment.

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

The RSO will have lead responsibility for initiating reports to the State, if required. The RSO will have primary responsibility for determining the need for reporting. Authorized users may assist the RSO in the performance of this procedure.

6.0 Prerequisites

None

7.0 Precautions and Limitations

None

8.0 Records

Records generated as a result of emergency notification to the State or other regulatory authority shall be maintained.

9.0 Procedure

9.1 Immediate Notifications

The California Radiological Health Bureau shall be notified as soon as possible but within 4 hours after the discovery of an event that prevents immediate protective actions necessary to avoid exposures to radiation or radioactive materials that could exceed regulatory limits.

9.2 24 Hour Notifications

The California Radiological Health Bureau shall be notified within 24 hours after discovery of any of the following events:

- A. An unplanned contamination event that:
 - 1) Requires access to the contaminated area by workers or the public, to be restricted for more than 24 hours by imposing additional radiological controls or by prohibiting entry into the area;
 - 2) Involves a quantity of material greater than five times the lowest annual limit on intake specified in Appendix B of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 20, incorporated by reference in section 30253 for the material; and
 - 3) Has access to the area restricted for a reason other than to allow isotopes with a half-life of less than 24 hours to decay prior to decontamination.
- B. An event in which equipment is disabled or fails to function as designed when:
 - 1) The equipment is required by regulation or license condition to prevent releases exceeding regulatory limits, to prevent exposures to radiation and radioactive materials exceeding regulatory limits, or to mitigate the consequences of an accident;
 - 2) The equipment is required to be available and operable when it is disabled or fails to function; and
 - 3) No redundant equipment is available and operable to perform the required safety function.
- C. An event that requires unplanned medical treatment at a medical facility of an individual with spreadable radioactive contamination on the individual's clothing or body.
- D. An unplanned fire or explosion damaging any licensed material or any device, container, or equipment containing licensed material when:

- 1) The quantity of material involved is greater than five times the lowest annual limit on intake specified in Appendix B of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 20, incorporated by reference in section 30253 for the material; and
- 2) The damage affects the integrity of the licensed material or its container.

9.3 Reports

- A. All reports made as required by this procedure and California regulation shall include the following information:
 - 1) The caller's name and call back telephone number;
 - 2) A description of the event, including date and time;
 - 3) The exact location of the event;
 - 4) The isotopes, quantities, and chemical and physical form of the licensed material involved; and
 - 5) Any personnel radiation exposure data available.
- B. All verbal reports shall be followed up with written reports to the BRH within 30 days of the initial report. Written reports shall include the following:
 - 1) A description of the event, including the probable cause and the manufacturer and model number (if applicable) of any equipment that failed or malfunctioned;
 - 2) The exact location of the event;
 - 3) The isotopes, quantities, and chemical and physical form of the licensed material involved;
 - 4) Date and time of the event;
 - 5) Corrective actions taken or planned and the results of any evaluation or assessment; and
 - 6) The extent of exposure of individuals to radiation or to radioactive materials without identification of individuals by name.

10.0 Attachments

- Attachment 1, California Contact Information

Attachment 1. California Contact Information

Licensing Headquarters Mailing Address:

California Department of Public Health
Radiologic Health Branch, MS 7610
Radioactive Materials Licensing Section
PO Box 997414,
Sacramento, CA 95899-7414

Licensing Headquarters Physical Address (UPS, Fed-EX):

California Department of Public Health
Radiologic Health Branch, MS 7610
Radioactive Materials Licensing Section
1500 Capitol Avenue, Fifth Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814—5006

Sacramento Headquarters Main Telephone Number (916) 327-5106

Regulatory and Inspection Agencies (Day-Time Numbers)

Sacramento: (916) 327-5106
HB-RICHMOND / REGION 20 (North RAM/ICE) (510) 620-3416
RHB – BREA / REGION 8 (SOUTH RAM/ICE) (714) 524-1409
LOS ANGELES COUNTY / REGION 7 (RAM / X-Ray)..... (213) 351-7897
SAN DIEGO COUNTY / REGION 6 (RAM/ X-Ray Machine) (858) 694-3629

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Numbers (All Emergencies):

OES Warning Center (24 Hours)..... (916) 845-8911
OES Fax (24 Hours) (800) 421-2921
Hazardous Material Spill (24 Hours) (800) 852-7550

HB-RICHMOND / REGION 20 (North RAM/ICE)
850 Marina Bay Parkway,
Building P, 1st Floor
Richmond, CA 94804-6403

RHB – BREA / REGION 8 (SOUTH RAM/ICE)
500 S. Kraemer Blvd,
Suite 235
Brea, CA 92821

LOS ANGELES COUNTY / REGION 7 (RAM / X-Ray)
DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
RADIATION MANAGEMENT
3530 Wilshire Blvd., 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90010

SAN DIEGO COUNTY / REGION 6 (RAM/ X-Ray Machine)
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, DEPT. OF ENV. HEALTH,
RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH PROGRAM
5500 Overland Ave., Ste. 110, MS 0-560
San Diego, CA 92123



PERMA-FIX ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

**TITLE: RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTIVE
CLOTHING SELECTION,
MONITORING, AND
DECONTAMINATION**

NO.: RP-132

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Date

1.0 PURPOSE

This procedure provides the guidance for selecting protective clothing, performing personnel surveys, and decontaminating personnel.

2.0 APPLICABILITY

This procedure will be used by Tetra Tech EC, Inc. (TtEC) personnel and its subcontractors while performing activities in areas with known or suspected radioactive contamination.

3.0 REFERENCES

1. Title 17, California Code of Regulations, Division 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter 4 "Radiation."
2. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Division 4.5; Environmental Health Standards for the Management of Hazardous Waste
3. California Executive Order D-62-02 regarding disposal of decommissioned materials.
4. 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 20; Standards for Protection Against Radiation, and Transfer and Disposal and Manifests
8. USNRC IE Information Notice No. 80-22, "Breakdowns in Contamination Control Programs."
9. ANSI N13.2-1969, "USA Standard Guide for Administrative Practices in Radiation Monitoring (A Guide for Management)."
10. RP -102, "Radiological Posting Requirements."
11. RP -103, "Radiation Work Permits."

4.0 GENERAL

4.1 Discussion

Radioactive material controls are established to provide positive control of radioactive material, prevent inadvertent release of radioactive material to uncontrolled areas, ensure personnel are not unknowingly exposed to radiation from lost or misplaced radioactive material, and to minimize the amount of radioactive waste material generated during PESI activities.

4.2 Definitions

Contamination Area (CA): Means any area with loose surface contamination values in excess of the applicable values specified in RP-104 Acceptable Surface Contamination Levels that is accessible to personnel, or any additional area specified by the RSO. The Contamination Area posting is defined as more restrictive than Radioactive Material Areas, hence all Contamination Area postings are considered to be Radioactive Material postings.

Minimum Detectable Activity (MDA): The smallest amount or concentration of radioactive material in a sample that will yield a net count, above system background, that will be detected with 95% probability with only 5% probability of falsely concluding that a blank observation represents a "real" signal. MDA depends upon the type of instrument, the counting geometry, and the radionuclide to be detected. MDA has the same meaning as Lower Limit of Detection (LLD). (ANSI N13.3, 1989).

Radioactive Material: Material activated or contaminated by the operation or remediation of the site and by-product material procured and used to support the operation or remediation.

Radioactive Material Area: Any area or room where quantities of radioactive materials in excess of ten times the 10 CFR 20 Appendix C quantities are used or stored, or any area designated a RMA by the RSO which does not exceed the site Contamination Area criteria.

Restricted Area: An area to which access is limited to protect individuals against undue risks from exposure to radiation, radioactive materials, and chemical contaminants. All posted radiological or chemical areas are Restricted Areas.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)

The RSO is responsible for:

- Identifying the radiological personal protective equipment (PPE) and, when appropriate, ensuring that the radioactive work permit lists the proper radiological PPE.
- Providing guidance and direction for decontamination of personnel.
- Notifying the corporate RSO of any personnel contamination event.

- Reviewing the Personnel Contamination Report and verifying all information is accurate.
- Requesting support from the qualified medical personnel regarding management of personnel who have been exposed to radiological contamination, when appropriate.
- Determining reimbursements and disposition of personal property that cannot be decontaminated.

5.3 Radiation Protection Technicians (RPTs)

The RPT is responsible for:

- Ensuring that workers don and doff the correct PPE properly, and performing decontamination of personnel under the guidance and direction of the RSO.
- Performing and documenting radiation and contamination surveys.
- Posting, securing, and controlling radioactive material and source storage areas.

5.4 Project Personnel

Project personnel are responsible for:

- Adhering to all policies, procedures and other instructions, verbal and written, regarding control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material.
- Reporting any concerns about the control and minimization of radioactive material and contaminated material to supervision.
- Maintaining good housekeeping at work sites and assisting in preventing the build-up and spread of contamination.
- Complying with direction from RP personnel regarding the proper methods for donning and doffing of PPE.

6.0 PREREQUISITES

None

7.0 PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS

PPE should be fully inspected prior to use.

8.0 RECORDS

- Personnel Contamination Reports
- Radiological surveys

Records generated shall be transmitted to Project Document Control for filing according to procedure RPP-114.

9.0 PROCEDURE

The following factors should be considered when selecting PPE:

- The levels and types of radiological material present, or expected, in the work area
- The presence of chemical hazards
- The base in which the contamination is carried (dry, wet, oily)
- The work to be performed, or work in progress
The location of the contamination (e.g., floor, walls, overhead, air handling systems, sewer systems)
- The physical configuration of the work area
- The environmental conditions, such as heat and humidity
- The exposure situation (vapor, pressured splash, liquid splash, intermittent liquid contact, and continuous liquid contact)
- The toxicity of the radioactive materials and/or chemical(s) (i.e., ability to permeate the skin, and systemic toxicity)
- The physical properties of the contaminant (vapor pressure, molecular weight, and polarity)
- The functional requirements of the task (dexterity, thermal protection, fire protection, and mechanical durability requirements)

Table 9-1 provides guidance for the selection of PPE when radiological hazards are present or suspected.

TABLE 9-1
GUIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Removable Contamination Levels	Clothing for Access Only No Work *	Clothing for Work or Access During Work *
General contamination levels < 1,000 dpm/100 cm ²	Level D PPE	Level D PPE
General contamination levels > 1,000 dpm/100 cm ² , but ≤ 10,000 dpm/100 cm ²	Glove liners Gloves Booties, cloth or PVC Tyvek Rubber shoe covers**	Glove liners Gloves Booties, cloth or PVC Tyvek Rubber shoe covers**
General contamination levels > 10,000 dpm/ 100 cm ² , but ≤ 100,000 dpm/100 cm ²	Glove liners Gloves Booties, cloth or PVC Tyvek Cap (or hood) Rubber shoe covers**	Glove liners Gloves Booties, cloth or PVC Tyvek Cap (optional) Hood Rubber shoe covers**
General contamination levels > 100,000 dpm/100 cm ² See Note ***	Glove liners Gloves (2 pairs) Booties, cloth or PVC Tyvek Cap (optional) Hood Rubber shoe covers**	Glove liners Gloves (2 pairs) Booties (2 pairs), cloth or PVC Tyvek (2 pairs) Cap Hood Rubber shoe covers**

The guidelines for PPE selection specified in Table 9-1 may be modified under certain circumstances, such as the following:

- Wet areas – Where splashing water or spray is present, use rain suits in addition to the protective clothing listed in Table 9-1. A second set of coveralls may not be necessary when a rain suit is worn.
- Standing water – In addition to the clothing requirements for wet areas, use hip boots or waders for deep standing water areas.
- Face shields – Consider for use when there is significant beta radiation, or a likelihood of water splashing and respirators are not required.
- High temperature areas – Consult with the RSO and Site Health and Safety Specialist (SHSS) prior to working in high temperature areas.

9.1 DONNING PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

- Select the appropriate PPE.
- Inspect coveralls, cotton glove liners, gloves, shoe covers, and hoods for rips, tears, and holes, or other indications of damage. If damaged, do not wear the damaged PPE and remove the PPE from service.
- Do not wear PPE that does not fit properly.
- Place dosimetry, if worn, in the upper body area on the interior of the breast tab with the window of the dosimeter facing out. When coveralls that do not have a breast tab or pocket are worn, dosimetry should be attached per the direction of the RSOR or designee. The dosimeter shall not be worn inside clothing or placed in pockets if exposure of bare skin to beta radiation is expected.
- If a respirator is specified in the Radiation Work Permit (RWP), then ensure that the individual using the respirator has been medically cleared for respirator use and is respirator qualified.; and a respirator fit test has been performed.
- Don the respirator.
- Don the hood, if required, allowing it to overlap the rubber around the lens of the face piece and fall over the shoulder.
- If required, tape the hood to the respirator and to the coveralls.
- Ensure that any required hood is slack enough around the shoulders to allow for full head movement.
- Don rubber gloves.
- Tape the innermost pair of rubber gloves to the coverall sleeves.
- Leather work gloves may be substituted for outer rubber gloves on some jobs as specified in the corresponding radiation work permit.
- If specified on the RWP, don additional PPE as required.

9.2 DOFFING OF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Before stepping out of the contamination area or airborne radioactivity area to the step-off pad, the worker should:

- Remove exposed tape and place it in the appropriate container.
- Remove rubber overshoes and place them in the appropriate container.
- Remove the outer pair of gloves and place them in the appropriate container.
- Remove the hood, from front to rear, and place it in the appropriate container.
- Remove coveralls, inside out, touching the inside only and place them in the appropriate container.
- Remove the respirator, as applicable, by bending forward at the waist slightly, pulling the respirator away from the face, and then rolling the straps/headbands to remove the respirator, and place it in the appropriate container.
- Take down the barrier closure, as applicable.
- Remove any tape or fastener from the inner shoe cover and place it in the appropriate container.
- Remove a shoe cover and place it in the appropriate container while simultaneously stepping onto the clean step-off pad with the shoe whose shoe cover was just removed. Repeat this process with the other shoe.
- Remove the cloth glove liners and place them in the appropriate container.
- Replace the barrier closure, as applicable.
- Have the Radiological Control Technician (RCT) commence whole body frisking.
- Monitor the dosimeter.

The sequence for the removal of primary and supplemental dosimetry is dependent upon where the dosimetry was worn and the potential for contamination. The sequence for removal of respiratory protection devices may be altered if it is determined that the potential for inhalation of airborne contamination or the spread of surface contamination is reduced by keeping respiratory protection devices on until all protective garments have been removed.

The sequence for protective clothing removal may vary from that described above, under the following circumstances:

- At the discretion of the RCT providing job coverage.
- As designated in the assigned RWP.
- Depending on radiological and hazardous material conditions encountered during the work evolution.

It is important to be aware that pushing clothing or trash into an already full collection container to compress the contents is forbidden as the act can result in the potential for airborne radioactivity.

9.3 MONITORING

During exit surveys, the following procedures should be followed.

- Use the portable instrument staged for the area of concern, which should have both a visual and an audible response.

- Ensure that the instrument is set on slow response, if available, and operating with an audible response.
- Verify that the instrument is operational on the lowest scale and that the area background count rate is acceptable.
- Hold the detector with the window approximately 1/4 inch from the surface being monitored.
- Move the detector over the surface being monitored at a rate not to exceed 2 inches per second. It should take at least 3 minutes to perform a whole body frisk.
- If an increase in the audible response is noted, then cease moving the detector and allow the meter 5 to 10 seconds to stabilize.
- Pause (approximately 5 seconds) at the nose and mouth area to check for indications of inhalation/ingestion of radioactive material.
- Pay particular attention to hands, feet (shoes), elbows, knees, or other areas with a high potential for contamination.
- If no contamination can be detected, as indicated by an alarm or by an audible or visual response distinguishable from background, then exit the area.
- If an audible or visual response distinguishable from background is noted, then the RCT will further investigate to verify if contamination is present.
- If personnel are found to be contaminated, proceed to the procedures outlined in Section 9.3.1.

9.3.1 CONTAMINATED PERSONNEL

When dealing with contaminated personnel, the following procedures should be followed.

1. Notify the RSOR of any individual with known or suspected contamination.
2. If the contamination is on a personal article of clothing, then perform the following:
 - Survey the inside surface that was against the skin.
 - Verify that no contamination was transferred to the skin.
3. If the contamination is on the skin, determine if the contamination is in the form of a hot particle.
4. If the contamination is a hot particle, then:
 - Quickly evaluate the particle size, radiation type, and visible characteristics.
 - Attempt to collect and retain the particle for subsequent evaluation.
 - Decontaminate the individual in accordance with Section 9.3.2.
5. If the contamination is not a particle, then:
 - Evaluate the contamination levels.
 - Decontaminate the individual in accordance with Section 9.
6. Complete the applicable parts of the Personnel Contamination Report (Attachment 1).

9.3.2 PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION

The steps to follow for personnel decontamination are presented below.

1. Perform personnel decontamination in a manner that prevents the spread of contamination to other body parts, or the ingestion or inhalation of radioactive material.
2. Take appropriate precautions to minimize the spread of contamination when proceeding from the control point or step-off pad to the decontamination area.
3. Refrain from releasing personnel if detectable skin contamination is present, unless authorized by the RSOR.
4. Perform skin decontamination as follows:
 - Exercise care to avoid damaging the skin.
 - Discontinue the decontamination and notify the RSOR if skin irritation becomes apparent.
 - Record results after each decontamination attempt.
 - indicate the method of decontamination used.
 - Decontaminate ears, eyes and mouth using damp swabs, water, or saline solution rinses that are performed by the individual. Perform further decontamination under the direction of qualified medical personnel.
 - Decontaminate nasal passages by having the individual repeatedly blow the nose. Perform supplemental nasal irrigations under the direction of qualified medical personnel, as required.
 - Use decontamination processes or materials other than those listed in Table 9-2, only under the specific direction of qualified medical personnel.
 - Report incidents of individual contamination immediately to the RSOR.
 - Note the final survey results and time of the survey.
 - Record the area of the skin contaminated in square centimeters (cm^2) on the Personnel Contamination Report (Attachment 1).
 - Assume the measured activity is distributed over the probe area (the area of a typical pancake probe is 15.5 cm^2) for contamination distributed over an area greater than or equal to the area of the probe.
 - Determine the actual area of the activity if the area of contamination is less than the area of the probe but greater than 1 cm^2 ,
 - Assume an area of 1 cm^2 if the contamination area is less than or equal to 1 cm^2 .
 - Obtain the information needed to complete the Personnel Contamination Report (Attachment 1) when skin decontamination has been successfully completed.
 - Complete the applicable parts of the Personnel Contamination Report (Attachment 1).

Table 9-2 Decontamination Techniques

TABLE 4-2 PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION METHODS METHOD	EFFECTIVE FOR	INSTRUCTIONS
Masking Tape	Dry contamination, hot particles	Apply tape to skin by lightly patting. Remove carefully.
Waterless Hand Cleaner	All skin contamination	Apply to affected area and allow it to melt onto the skin. Remove with cotton or soft disposable towel.
Soap and Tepid Water	All skin contamination except tritium	Wash area with soap and lukewarm water. Repeat until further attempts do not reduce the level. A cloth or surgical hand brush may be used with moderate pressure.
Soap and Cool Water	Tritium contamination	Wash area with soap and cool water. Repeat until further attempts do not reduce the level. A cloth may be used with moderate pressure.
Carbonated Water	All skin contamination	Apply to affected area with cotton or soft disposable towel and wipe with dry towel.
Cornmeal Detergent Paste	All skin contamination	Mix cornmeal and powder detergent in equal parts with enough water to form a paste. Rub onto affected area for 5 minutes. Remove with cotton or disposable towel.

Attachment 1 Personnel Contamination Event Report (Front)

Name: _____ Site Badge#.: _____ RWP No.: _____

Employer: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Location of Incident: _____

Description of Work Being Performed: _____

Description of Circumstances and the Suspected Cause: _____

Skin Contamination Survey Summary

Body Location *	Initial Levels dpm/100cm ²	1st Decon Method	Attempt Results dpm/100cm ²	2ND Decon Method	Attempt Results dpm/100cm ²	3rd Decon Method	Attempt Results dpm/100cm ²
A							
B							
C							
D							

* Indicate location on back of form

Nasal Swab Activity: Swab 1 _____ dpm/100 cm² Swab 2 _____ dpm/100 cm²

Clothing Contamination Survey Summary

Item	Initial Levels dpm/100 cm ²	Decon Method	Final Results dpm/100 cm ²	Released to employee (Y/N)

Bioassay
Intake?

[] Scheduled / [] N/A
N

Skin Dose

[] Calculated / [] NA

ROR Follow-up

[] Initiated / [] NA

Potential for

[] Yes / []

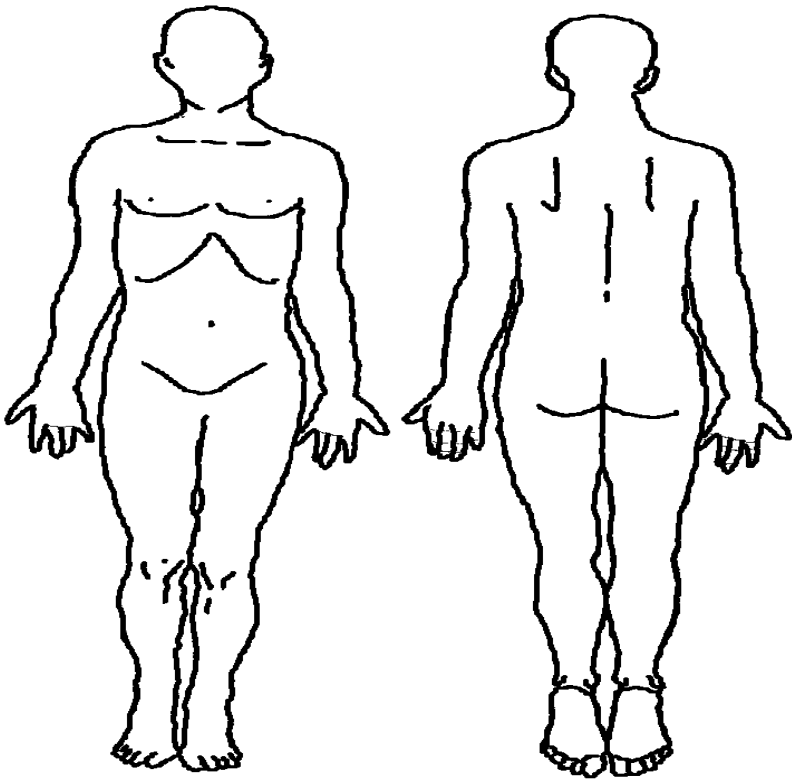
SRSO
Date

Date

RP Technician

Attachment 1 (Back of Form)
Personnel Contamination Event Report

Comments and additional detail (identify by letter and include estimated area in square cm):



RP SURVEY INSTRUMENT(S) INFORMATION

Instrument Model	Serial Number	Cal. Due Date

Appendix C

Radiation Protection Plan

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**Radiation Protection Work Plan
Radiological Data Evaluation and
Confirmation Survey**

**Former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard
San Francisco, California**

**Department of the Navy
Naval Facilities Engineering Command
Base Realignment and Closure
Program Management Office West**

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1	Radiation Protection Workplan Acknowledgment Form
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AEC	Atomic Energy Commission
ALARA	as low as reasonably achievable
APP	Accident Prevention Plan
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CFR	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>
CRSO	Corporate Radiation Safety Officer
DAC	derived air concentration
DOT	Department of Transportation
EHS	Environmental Health and Safety
HRA	Historical Radiological Assessment
LLMW	low-level mixed waste
LLRW	low-level radioactive waste
millirem	milliroentgen equivalent man
mSv	millisievert
Navy	Department of the Navy
NRC	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRRPT	National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists
Perma-Fix	Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc.
PM	Project Manager
PPE	personal protective equipment
PRSO	Radiation Safety Officer Representative
QC	quality control
RASO	Radiological Affairs Support Office
RCA	Radiologically Controlled Area
RCT	Radiological Control Technician
rem	roentgen equivalent man
RMA	Radioactive Materials Area
RML	Radioactive Material License
RPS	Radiation Project Supervisor
RPWP	Radiation Protection Workplan
RSO	Radiation Safety Officer
RWP	Radiation Work Permit
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SSHP	Site Safety and Health Plan
TEDE	total effective dose equivalent
TSP	task-specific plan

1 Purpose/Introduction

This Radiation Protection Workplan (RPWP) details Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. (Perma-Fix) requirements for activities conducted as part of the radiological support activities at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS), San Francisco, California. Work will be performed in accordance with the Perma-Fix State of California Radioactive Material License Number 8188-01 which is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and any standard or specific condition specified in the license. The following activities are subject to this RPWP: project activities that involve the use and/or handling of licensed by-product, source, and/or special nuclear material (hereafter referred to as radioactive material); tasks with the potential for radioactive material to be present based on available data and historical records; and work in locations posted and controlled because of radioactive material. Project activities will incorporate the requirements within this RPWP to maintain compliance with Perma-Fix's licensed Radiation Protection Program, RP-100.

Project activity performance steps are detailed in the site-specific work plans, standard operating procedures (SOPs), task-specific plans (TSPs), etc. (Agencies that may have jurisdiction over or an interest in project activities are also identified in such documents.) Project staff tasked to perform assignments involving the presence of radioactive material (for example, those identified in the applicable portions of **Section 2**) will complete a review of this document and indicate an understanding of all requirements by completing a Radiation Protection Plan Acknowledgement Form (**Attachment 1**).

1.1 Policy

It is Perma-Fix's policy that work with radioactive material be purposeful and performed in a manner that protects project staff, members of the general public, and the environment. Radiological work may not begin unless it can be performed in a safe and reliable manner that is compliant with the exposure reduction rules, regulations, and principles described in **Section 1.3**.

1.2 Project-specific Radiation Protection Plan

Perma-Fix's procedure RP-100, *Radiation Protection Program*, provides the foundation for the RPWP and its use for any project or activity that involves the possession or use of radioactive materials, including the subsequent potential for exposure to ionizing radiation. Content provided within this RPWP reflects corporate policy and provides the guidance needed for project management to execute the scope of work in a safe manner. Site-specific guidance for radiological safety and control is further detailed in SOPs. SOPs are subject to approval by the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) or designee and may be revised separately from the RPWP.

1.3 As Low as Reasonably Achievable

Work involving radioactive material and any corresponding exposure to ionizing radiation must be purposeful and performed in a manner sufficient to ensure the protection of staff, members of the public, and the environment. Perma-Fix applies industry recognized principles to radiological work so that exposure to ionizing radiation is maintained as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).

1.4 Authorization to Stop Work

In accordance with RP-100, *Radiation Protection Program*, and as detailed in **Section 2.9**, employees are authorized to stop work if an unsafe condition exists or safety protocol is being violated, and immediately report the condition to project management.

Work performed under a Radiation Work Permit (RWP) will stop, and the Radiological Affairs Support Office (RASO) will be notified if any of the following atypical work site conditions are encountered:

- Individual total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) exceeding 500 milliroentgen equivalent man (millirem)
- Collective TEDE for the job exceeding 1 roentgen equivalent man (rem)

- Individual airborne exposures exceeding 10 derived air concentration (DAC) hours in a 7-day period
- General area exposure rates exceeding limits of current radiological posting
- Contamination levels exceeding 100 times the limits requiring classification of an area as a Contaminated Area

In cases where the Department of the Navy (Navy) must be notified, the license RSO, with concurrence from the Navy, must approve the RWP prior to restarting work.

1.5 Scope of Work

The project-specific scope of work involves the following activities:

- Task-specific training of personnel
- Site controls and establishment of work zones at sites with, or having the potential for, radioactive commodities or contaminants.
- Handling and management of collected radioactive commodities, radiologically contaminated soil, or other radiologically contaminated material
- Site investigation and characterization surveys and sampling, screening for and removal of commodities, and surveys and sampling to document final conditions

1.6 Quality Control and Auditing

To maintain continued compliance and evaluate overall RPWP effectiveness, quality control (QC) measures including self-assessment and management reviews will be used. Formal audits, including those conducted at field projects, will be coordinated and tracked to completion by the RSO/designee as will any need for adjustments to audit frequencies

1.6.1 Self-assessment, Management Reviews, and Audits

A self-assessment and management review of RPWP use, as detailed in RP-100 will be conducted. Project personnel including the Project Manager (PM), project Radiation Safety Officer/Designee, and onsite personnel will support and cooperate with any audit conducted. At a minimum, Perma-Fix will perform an onsite audit of the project if the field work exceeds more than 90 calendar days in duration with a minimum frequency of at least once a year. Results of the audit will be documented and submitted to CH2M for approval.

1.6.2 Responses and Corrective Actions

Radiological deficiencies must be responded to in a timely fashion. Deficiencies that represent an imminent threat to radiological control or safety (such as compromise of procedural protocol) will be immediately reported to CH2M, the RSO, PM, or designee. Subsequent corrective actions will be tracked to completion by the RSO or designee. Radiological deficiencies, including corrective actions, will be promptly reported by the RSO to CH2M for submittal to the project client. Responses to findings will be documented by the RSO or designee for review, approval, and final disposition and submitted to CH2M.

1.6.3 Daily Instrumentation Check

As addressed in **Section 3.16**, survey instruments used during fieldwork will have proof of current calibrations in accordance with the manufacturers' procedures, employing applicable standards and sources traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Copies of instrument calibration certificates will be maintained onsite for reference. Instruments will be response-checked daily in accordance with applicable SOPs.

2 Radiation Protection Personnel

This section details the radiological safety responsibilities vested with key Perma-Fix personnel within the project as it relates to the radioactive material license. (Non-radiological safety responsibilities will be detailed in a separate project-specific Accident Prevention Plan [APP]/Site Safety and Health Plan [SSHP]). If a conflict exists in

Perma-Fix roles and responsibilities between this section and the Work Plan, the Work Plan shall take precedence. All contractor personnel shall be submitted to CH2M in advance for approval.

2.1 President of Perma-Fix

The President of Perma-Fix has overall responsibility for Perma-Fix's safety operations. The President of Perma-Fix is responsible for the following:

- Ensuring proper maintenance of the RPWP consistent with applicable regulatory mandates, Perma-Fix corporate policy, and recognized industry practice
- Establishing and maintaining all necessary management oversight specific to the RPWP
- Implementing a management review process to ensure applicable use of RPWP requirements

2.2 License Radiation Safety Officer

The Corporate Radiation Safety Officer (CRSO) is appointed by the President of Perma-Fix. The CRSO responsibilities are as follows:

- Review and make recommended revisions to:
 - The RPWP and associated procedures, radiation protection guidelines, and supporting documents
 - Project plans involving the use or handling of radioactive materials, or access to areas of radiological concern to ensure compliance with RPWP requirements and supporting guidelines
- Designate a Project Radiation Safety Officer (PRSO) to provide day-to-day guidance on radiological protection issues.
- Ensure communication with CH2M (prime contractor)
- Compliance as the license RSO, to include:
 - Serve as primary point of contact for all communications for license requirements to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and CDPH.
 - Identify and train Radioactive Material License (RML) authorized users.
 - Coordinate investigations involving radiological occurrences to include review and approval of a resulting Corrective Action Plan.
 - Provide advance NRC and/or CDPH notification in writing at least 14 days before initiating, at a temporary job site under Perma-Fix RML jurisdiction, any activity, or change to scope involving new activities, in areas of radiological concern (excluding routine packaging or repackaging for purposes of transporting and not requiring a job-or site-specific work package, and characterization and/or final surveys where radioactive materials and/or radiation are not likely to be detected).
 - Refrain from taking ownership of licensed materials in excess of possession limits without prior notification and written NRC and/or CDPH approval.
 - Provided advance NRC and/or CDPH notification in writing within 30 days of the temporary job site completion status involving decontamination and decommissioning activities, and disposition of any licensed material as related to RML jurisdiction.
 - Maintain radiological exposure records.
 - Develop and/or approve radiation safety training materials and/or courses.
 - Perform program audits as detailed in RP-100, *Radiation Protection Program*.
 - Provide guidance on radiological protection issues.
 - Identify appropriate project staffing needs to implement RPWP requirements.

- Assist with the development of site Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) plans and approval of EHS plans for projects that involve the use or handling of radioactive materials or access to areas of radiological concern.
- Delegate project responsibilities to company health physicists as necessary.

2.3 Project Radiation Safety Officer

The PRSO is assigned by the CRSO and is vested with corporate-level authority to implement the RPWP and the Perma-Fix RML at a project site. Whenever radiological work is actively ongoing under the Perma-Fix RML, the PRSO or designee identified as an authorized user will be present at the project site. The PRSO is vested with the following responsibilities at projects subject to jurisdiction involving the Perma-Fix RMLs:

- Provide health physics guidance on an as-needed basis.
- Conduct required radiological safety training.
- Review and approve project field procedures that involve the handling of radioactive materials or access to areas of radiological concern.
- Conduct radiation incident investigations and project inspections.
- Maintain a project site file that details radiological protection training provided, dosimetry records generated, radiological surveys performed, and other documentation pertinent to the RPWP, RML procedures, radiation protection guidelines, and supporting documents; copies of these will be provided to the Certified Health Physics Manager at the conclusion of the project.
- Arrange for and assist in program radiation protection audits as detailed in the most current version of RP-100, *Radiation Protection Program*.
- Assist in the development and approval of the site EHS plan.
- Help in the identification of project radiological analysis needs and selection of analytical support contractors.
- Coordinate required ALARA reviews.
- Ensure appropriate staff work practices are employed to maintain occupational radiation exposures ALARA.
- Ensure items needed to perform work in accordance with the RPWP and supporting documents are available, such as appropriate instrumentation, protective devices, dosimetry, etc.
- Direct the preparation, review and approval of RWPs.
- Stop work if necessary to ensure radiological safety.
- Communicate with the PM and CRSO as needed to ensure the RPWP is implemented correctly.
- Ensure proper operation of radiation-measuring equipment, including the performance of daily function and QC tests, and removing out-of-compliance instruments from service.
- Maintain radiation-measuring equipment in accordance with manufacturers' recommendations.
- Direct and supervise the performance of radiological surveys and sampling in accordance with the most current version of this RPWP and supporting Perma-Fix SOPs.
- Review survey reports and instrument performance data for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with project, procedural, and regulatory requirements.
- Ensure work is performed in accordance with current versions of project plans, procedures, and the RPWP.

The PRSO reports to and receives technical direction from the CRSO, advises the PM on radiation protection and radiological operation matters, coordinates with the PM on day-to-day project activities, and communicates and coordinates radiation protection and radiological operation activities with the CRSO and the client.

2.4 Project Manager

The Perma-Fix PM is responsible for:

- Ensuring the safe conduct of work in compliance with all permits, client contracts, and other controlling documents that apply
- Confirming exposure to radiation by project staff is maintained ALARA
- Allocation of adequate resources and staffing to develop and implement this RPWP in compliance with applicable regulations and requirements. The PM reports to the Perma-Fix Program Manager
- Ensuring coordination between the PRSO and other field personnel

2.5 Radiation Protection Supervisor

The Radiation Protection Supervisor (RPS) is the Perma-Fix representative responsible for overseeing Radiological Control Technicians (RCTs) and corresponding field operations conducted in areas of radiological concern. The PRSO may act as the RPS. Designated as an authorized user at projects subject to jurisdiction under the Perma-Fix RML, the RPS is vested with the following responsibilities:

- Supporting required ALARA reviews
- Coordinating plans for field activities with the to ensure exposure to radiation is maintained ALARA and in accordance with corresponding RWPs
- Supervising the preparation and review of RWPs
- Stopping work if necessary to ensure radiation safety
- Maintaining communication with the PRSO, PM, as needed to ensure the RPWP is fully implemented
- Confirming proper operation of radiation survey instruments, including the validation of daily function and QC checks, and removing noncompliant instruments from service
- Ensuring radiation survey instruments are maintained in a way that complies with manufacturer instructions and recommendations
- Directing and supervising the performance of radiological survey and sampling practices in accordance with the RPWP, current versions of applicable SOPs, and corresponding RWPs
- Validating field survey reports and instrument performance data for accuracy, completeness, and compliance with the RPWP, applicable SOPs, and corresponding RWPs
- Participating in periodic internal and external reviews of RPWP content and implementation
- Supporting self-assessments and management reviews as needed and correcting identified deficiencies within the allotted time frame

The PRS reports to and receives technical direction from the PRSO.

2.6 Radiological Control Technicians

The RCTs are responsible for:

- Ensuring occupational exposure to radiation is maintained ALARA
- Preparing, using, and adhering to RWPs
- Stopping work if necessary to ensure radiological safety
- Performing radiation surveys and other radiological safety tasks in accordance with the RPWP, applicable SOPs, and corresponding RWPs

- Confirming proper operation of assigned radiation survey instruments prior to field use to include verification of daily function and QC performance checks, and removing noncompliant instruments from service
- Using radiation survey instruments in accordance with the RPWP, applicable SOPs, and corresponding RWPs and maintaining the instruments in a way that complies with manufacturers' instructions and recommendations

The RCTs report to and receive technical direction from the PRSO and RTS, as applicable. All RCT's shall be qualified as senior RCT's (≤ 5 years as a qualified and documented RCT, either U.S. Department of Energy core, North East Utility Exam, National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists [NRRPT], etc.). On a case by case basis, Jr RCT's will be evaluated by CH2M.

2.7 Radiation Workers (Field Personnel)

Project staff (including the general labor force associated with the company and subcontractors) who have the potential to receive occupational exposure to radiation while on the job site, and who are expected to work under the requirements of this RPWP as radiation workers, will:

- Receive sufficient training, prior to beginning work, in accordance with the most current version of document RP-115, *Radiation Worker Training*.
- Report to the RPS or RCT non-occupational radiation exposures that result from the use of medical or dental applications more aggressive than a standard X-ray.
- Comply with requirements of all procedures and guidelines applicable to the project.
- As required, exercise stop work authority and immediately report radiological safety issues or concerns, including incidents and unplanned events, to project management verbally or in writing, and respond promptly to any stop-work and/or evacuation orders.
- Adhere to industry-recognized radiological work practices when inside areas of radiological concern, and conform promptly to instructions when provided by RCTs.
- Strictly adhere to radiological control procedures, guidelines, and postings including information provided in RWPs.
- Immediately report lost dosimetry devices to the RCT.
- Report planned medical radiation treatments in advance to supervision and the PRSO and prior to entering areas of radiological concern or wearing dosimetry.
- Periodically confirm personal radiation exposure status and ensure that administrative dose guidelines are not exceeded.
- Notify the RCT of faulty or alarming radiological protection equipment.

When in areas of radiological concern, workers report to the PRSO or RPS, as applicable.

2.8 Stop Work Authority

CH2M, company, and subcontractor personnel will have the responsibility and authority to stop work when controls are inadequate or imminent danger exists.

In any situation in which stop work authority is used, the following requirements will apply:

- Exercise stop work authority in a justifiable and responsible manner.
- Once work is stopped, do NOT resume until proper controls have been established.
- Resumption of work will require concurrence by CH2M, the PM or designee, as well as the PRSO if the work stoppage was related to radiation safety.

3 Task-specific Hazard Analysis/Controls

A task-specific hazard analysis is performed on a daily basis to allow for risk identification associated with site work, including physical, chemical, and radiological components. (Radiation exposures that result from naturally occurring background sources and medical applications conducted under the care of a physician are examples of dose that is independent of occupational monitoring requirements but considered when planning task assignments. In instances of verifiable therapeutic applications, employee-furnished notifications will be used as an informational reference and included as part of a corresponding radiation exposure file.) Risk-based hazards and controls are defined in a site-specific Activity Hazard Analysis. Anticipated physical and chemical risks are described in detail in the project-specific APP/SSHP. Radiological risk controls are categorized in the sections to follow, and protective measures apply as defined in task-specific RWPs and corresponding SOPs.

3.1 Identification of Radiation Risks

Project tasks subject to RPWP protocol indicate a known or suspected likelihood of activities occurring in radiologically impacted areas (for example, locations with sources of radium-226, areas with similar radionuclides of concern as identified in the site-specific Historical Radiological Assessment [HRA]).

3.2 Controlling Documents

Unless indicated otherwise in **Section 1**, work conducted under the RPWP will be subject to requirements detailed in Perma-Fix RML No. 8188-01 and in accordance with any project-specific Memorandum of Understanding criteria and applicable radiological control work documents (for example, site-specific Radiological Plan, SOPs). Perma-Fix will incorporate site-specific versions of SOPs as needed to implement and satisfy license commitments. Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 20 (10 CFR Part 20) applies to the RPWP standards used. In parallel, industrial safety requirements and United States Environmental Protection Agency regulations detailed in 29 CFR and 40 CFR also have applicability for a variety of regulatory subjects including Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980; the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.

3.3 Evaluation of Potential Exposure to Workers

RPWP dose limits for the control of occupational exposure to ionizing radiation are listed in 10 CFR 20.1201–1208. Dose limits for individual members of the public are detailed in 10 CFR 20.1301–1302. Occupational exposures for project personnel will be maintained below Perma-Fix administrative values for annual TEDE. Occupational dose, if any, is expected to originate from external sources (for example, radium-226, cesium-137, strontium-90, or similar known radionuclides of concern as listed in a site-specific reference document [for example, HRA]). Dose resulting from internal exposures is not anticipated. External exposure controls are addressed in **Section 3.8**, and controls to prevent or limit internal exposures are detailed in **Section 3.9**. Dose rates for general area work sites are expected to reflect naturally occurring background values.

3.4 Evaluation of Public Dose

Based on the scope of planned work, the limited activity of radionuclides expected, and low concentration of naturally occurring radioactive material anticipated, public dose associated with tasks performed under this RPWP is not projected. To validate the maintenance of public dose goals, Perma-Fix will implement necessary survey and sampling protocols in areas of intrusive work, conspicuously post and restrict access to intrusive work locations that require monitoring (for example, areas where soil excavations and/or handling, etc., may disturb sources of radioactive material), and validate survey and sampling results and frequencies to ensure established controls are effective.

3.5 Training Program

Site radiation training will be conducted in accordance with Perma-Fix procedure RP-115 *Radiation Worker Training*. Site personnel tasked to conduct project-oriented activities must satisfy corresponding APP/SSHP and RPWP training requirements, depending on roles and responsibilities performed. Persons subject to assignments involving a known or suspected potential for occupational radiation dose will receive additional training commensurate with radiological awareness requirements as defined in 10 CFR 19.12, Instructions to Workers. Visitors and escorted persons must receive a site briefing and will be assigned to a qualified radiation worker aide when in an area of radiological concern (i.e. controlled or restricted areas).

3.5.1 Site Briefing

An RPWP site briefing is designed for an escorted person and is presented when access is needed to radiologically impacted locations. Specific to the area(s) of concern where access is needed, the RPWP brief will cover at a minimum:

- Applicable portions of 10 CFR 19, 10 CFR 20, the RPWP, RWPs, site-specific reference documents (for example, HRA), and supporting SOPs
- A description of radiation exposure risks and monitoring requirements
- Access and egress protocol specific to the radiologically impacted location(s) requiring entry
- Radiation exposure reduction techniques for an embryo/fetus
- Completion of applicable briefing/exposure monitoring documentation
- Notification of contacts as needed to complete training requirements

3.5.2 Radiation Worker Training

Radiation Worker training (RWT) is provided when unescorted access is needed to impacted site locations subject to radiological control. Inclusive of material that may be required by project-specific Work Plans and documents (for example, APP/SSHP), training may be presented in the form of a group overview, video presentation, etc., with use of printed handouts approved by the PRSO. The RWT requirements are listed in RP-115 *Radiation Worker Training* and include a classroom based and practical training modules. At a minimum the classroom training includes:

- Fundamental of Radioactivity
- Prenatal Exposure Risks
- Perma-Fix Radiation Protection Plan
- Site Specific Radiological Hazards / contaminants
- ALARA Concepts
- Radiological Postings / Barriers
- Emergency Response / Evacuation Routes
- Applicable portions of 10 CFR 19, 10 CFR 20, the RPWP, site-specific reference documents (for example, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard HRA), and supporting SOPs specific to task performance
- Required contacts and expected actions in the event of an emergency (in accordance with the current version of RP-130, *Event Reporting and Notification for State of California*)
- Expected actions and contacts if radioactive material is discovered in an area where it is not expected
- Understanding the requirements for and compliance with RWPs including protocol for dosimetry and personal protective equipment (PPE)

3.5.3 Radiological Control Technician Training Qualification

Perma-Fix will evaluate and ensure acceptable qualification of RCTs. RCTs are required to have successfully completed a RWT course within the past year (or refresher training), or have current NRRPT credentials or an equivalent RCT training/certification program. When selected for project assignment, RCT qualifications are evaluated in accordance with the requirements detailed in RML No. 8188-01. Project-specific training is provided to RCTs commensurate with anticipated duties and assignments.

3.6 Declared Pregnant Worker

To maintain embryo/fetus radiation exposure ALARA, female employees who are pregnant or attempting to become pregnant are encouraged to declare this information to project management in writing to allow for criteria to be exercised as detailed in:

- 10 CFR 20.1208, Dose Equivalent to an Embryo/Fetus
- NRC Regulatory Guide 8.13, Instruction Concerning Prenatal Radiation Exposure, Revision 3, Washington, D.C. (NRC, 1999)
- NRC Regulatory Guide 8.29, Instruction Concerning Risks from Occupational Radiation Exposure, Revision 1, Washington, D.C. (NRC, 1996)

Because of the small anticipated annual dose for workers associated with project activities (that is, less than 10 millirem/year) it is unlikely in instances of pregnancy that separate dose tracking for the embryo/fetus will be necessary. Managing occupational exposures for all staff within annual Perma-Fix administrative TEDE guidelines is expected to satisfy the requirement of less than 500 millirem total dose for any declared pregnant female worker over the course of an entire gestation period.

3.7 As Low as Reasonably Achievable Program

Perma-Fix is committed to maintaining radiation exposure to workers and the public as far below company guidelines and regulatory limits as practical. RPWP requirements are established for field operations in an effort to meet that commitment in accordance with the current version of procedure RP-100, *Radiation Protection Program*.

3.8 External Exposure Control

The following steps will be taken to control external radiation exposure to levels that are ALARA:

- Employ basic dose reduction strategies as detailed in Perma-Fix RP procedures using the ALARA concepts of time, distance, and shielding.
- Use instruments at frequencies sufficient to accurately determine the level and extent of radiation fields.
- Present adequate staff training to ensure the ability to recognize situations involving objects that might be radioactive, to be wary of objects that are unfamiliar, and to rely on valid instrument readings to limit and safely manage external exposure.

3.9 Internal Exposure Control

Internal exposure is expected to be below all the recognized DAC values as specified in 10 CFR 20. If air sampling is required, air sampling will be performed in accordance with **Section 3.11**. Should the potential for internal dose be confirmed during fieldwork, the activity will be temporarily suspended and the work area secured pending determination and use of corrective protocol as decided among the PRSO and PM with concurrence from CH2M.

3.10 Monitoring and Measuring External Exposure

A vendor accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program will be used to provide project-related dosimetry services. Dosimetry applications and considerations will apply to field staff designated as radiation workers (that is, personnel needing unescorted access to impacted site locations subject to radiological control). Prior to dosimetry issue, a radiation worker will have satisfactorily completed requirements as detailed in **Section 3.5.2**.

3.11 Monitoring and Measuring Internal Exposure

The monitoring of work practices conducted in areas of radiological concern will be at frequencies established in RP-104, *Radiological Surveys*, necessary to confirm the application of correct techniques and PPE to minimize potential transfer of external contaminants inside the body.

Air sampling will be performed during intrusive activities conducted in areas of radiological concern in accordance with RP-107, *Measurement of Airborne Radioactivity*. Air sample results will be reviewed and tracked to determine whether trends (for example, concentrations greater than 10 percent of DAC) exist that require re-engineering of task-specific contamination controls or temporary pause of work activities.

3.12 Surveys and Monitoring for Radiological Controls

Protection of workers, the public, and the environment depends on accurate assessment and interpretation of past historic information as compared to present-day survey data collected in accordance with prescribed procedures and project support documents.

In situations subject to this RPWP, guidance for determining radiation protection survey frequency and technique is detailed in applicable portions of procedures RP-101, *Access Control*; RP-111, *Radioactive Material Controls and Waste Management Plan*; RP-104, *Radiological Surveys*; and RP-106 *Survey Documentation and Review*. Further detail is contained in RP-108, *Count Rate Instruments*, and RP-109, *Dose Rate Instruments*.

3.12.1 Surveys of Equipment and Materials

Equipment and material passing through areas controlled for radiological concern will be subject to survey criteria and techniques detailed in applicable portions of procedure RP-101, *Access Control*. This will include performing an incoming characterization survey of equipment and material. Further detail is contained in RP-105, *Unrestricted Release Requirements* and RP-111 *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management Plan*. If survey results indicate levels of contamination exceeding the release criteria provided in the RPWP for incoming equipment and material the equipment or material will not be used at the Site. If survey results indicate levels of contamination exceeding the release criteria provided in the RPWP for outgoing equipment or materials, appropriate decontamination methods will be performed using methods described in RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*. Prior to offsite removal, unrestricted releases of materials and equipment will be submitted to CH2M for approval.

Release criteria are provided in the RMP.

3.13 Action Levels for Radiological Control

Action levels represent transition points at which concentrations of radioactivity require additional response (e.g., PPE upgrades or increased work technique controls). Action levels for radiological controls are detailed in procedure RP-101, *Access Control*, RP-102 *Radiological Postings*, and RP-103 *Radiation Work Permits*. These action levels are specific to radiological controls and are not associated with project specific requirements, such as, the need for further investigation or site release.

3.14 Radiologically Controlled Areas and Posting

Site structures, outdoor locations, and/or perimeter boundaries posted with yellow and magenta markings are established to identify areas designated for radiological control, prevent (to the extent practical) access by unauthorized persons, and protect members of the public from exposure to radiation. A description of scenarios and postings employed for control purposes are detailed in applicable portions of procedure RP-101 *Access Control*, RP-102 *Radiological Postings*.

3.14.1 Controlled Area

A Controlled Area may be established where access to impacted portions of a work site requires specialized qualification and approval. A Controlled Area (which may also be called a Restricted Area) is intended to serve as the outermost boundary around planned and established work zones.

Controlled Area access requires prior authorization and use of PPE as defined in a project-specific APP/SSHP. Visitors must have requisite training as specified in an SSHP. Personnel who enter a Controlled Area may not cross into more restrictive areas posted within unless prior authorization is obtained.

Where the perimeter to a Controlled Area is first encountered for radiological purposes, posting applications will have the wording "Caution Controlled Area" (or Restricted Area) and provide a contact phone number. (Supplemental information as specified by the PRSO or designee may also be included as magenta [preferred], purple, or black markings on a yellow [preferred] or white background). A minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the Controlled Area (or Restricted Area) boundary. Note that areas not typically accessed by pedestrians (for example, windows) need not be posted. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary.

3.14.2 Access Control Point

When used, an Access Control Point is part of a Controlled Area (or Restricted Area) boundary. Intended to serve as a transition corridor, an Access Control Point allows for the accountability of personnel, tools, and equipment that pass through. When established as a radiological control mechanism, an Access Control Point RCT will be present any time activities within are ongoing. During periods of inactivity, control point gates (part of the contiguous area boundary) are closed.

3.14.3 Radiologically Controlled Area

A Radiologically Controlled Area (RCA) represents an area in which a person who works for 1 year might receive a whole body dose in excess of 100 millirem from all pathways (excluding natural background and medical exposures). For external sources, the RCA is typically posted when an area, accessible to individuals, could expose an individual to a dose equivalent in excess of 0.005 rem (0.05 millisievert [mSv]) in 1 hour at 30 centimeters from the radiation source (equivalent to a "Radiation Area" in 10 CFR 20.1003). The RCA may be modified at the discretion of the PRSO based on accurately assessed occupancy factors. Intended to include (for posting purposes) the nearest boundary or perimeter associated with the affected area, RCA restrictions and corresponding access protocol can be located in site-specific documentation (for example, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Action Memorandum) and authorized by the PRSO for use if more restrictive.

When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the RCA boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary. For waterfront areas, signs should be posted at areas accessible by watercraft.

3.14.4 Radioactive Materials Area

A Radioactive Materials Area (RMA) identifies any area or room in which there is used or stored amount of licensed material exceeding 10 times the quantity of such material specified in Appendix C to Title 10 Part 20 of the CFR. Intended to warn of the potential for occupational dose, a description of RMA scenarios and postings employed for control purposes can be located in applicable portions of procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Material Controls and Waste Management Plan*, and RP-102 *Radiological Postings*. When used, a minimum of one sign will

be posted on each straight run of the RMA boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary.

3.14.5 Contamination Area

A Contaminated Area is any area, accessible to individuals, where removable surface contamination levels exceed or are likely to exceed the removable surface contamination values specified in Regulatory Guide 1.86, Termination of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Reactors (AEC, 1974), but do not exceed 100 times those values. Contamination is radioactive material that is deposited on a surface where it is unwanted. Subject to license control, a description of Contaminated Area scenarios and postings employed for control purposes can be found in applicable portions of SOP RP-102, *Radiological Postings*. When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the RCA boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary.

3.14.6 High Contamination Area

A High Contamination Area is any area, accessible to individuals, where removable surface contamination levels exceed or are likely to exceed 100 times the removable surface contamination values specified in Regulatory Guide 1.86 (AEC, 1974). When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the High Contamination Area boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary. High contamination areas are not anticipated for this project.

3.14.7 Radiation Area

A Radiation Area means any area accessible to individuals in which radiation levels could result in an individual receiving a deep dose equivalent in excess of 5 mRem/hr (0.05 mSv per hour [hr]) at 30 centimeters, but does not exceed 100 mRem/hr (1 mSv/hr) at 30 centimeters from the source or from any surface that the radiation penetrates. A description of Radiation Area scenarios and postings employed for control purposes can be found in applicable portions of procedure RP-102, *Radiological Postings*. When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the Radiation Area boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary.

3.14.8 High Radiation Area

A High Radiation Area means any area, accessible to individuals, in which radiation levels could result in an individual receiving a deep dose equivalent equal to or greater than 100 mRem/hr (1 mSv/hr) in 1 hour at 30 centimeters from the radiation source or from any surface that the radiation penetrates, but less than 500 RAD/hr. A description of High Radiation Area scenarios and postings employed for control purposes can be located in applicable portions of procedure RP-102, *Radiological Postings*.

When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the High Radiation Area boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary. High radiation areas are not anticipated for this project.

3.14.9 Airborne Radioactivity Area

An Airborne Radioactivity Area is a room, enclosure, or area in which airborne radioactive materials, composed wholly or partly of licensed material, exist in concentrations:

- In excess of the DACs specified in Appendix B to 10 CFR 20.1001–20.2401, or
- To such a degree that an individual present in the area without respiratory protective equipment could exceed, during the hours an individual is present in a week, an intake of 0.6 percent of the annual limit on intake or 12 DAC hours.

As an example, for radium-226, the most likely airborne contaminant at Navy radiological remediation projects, the applicable DAC value is 3.0E-10 microcuries/milliliter. A description of Airborne Radioactivity Area scenarios and postings employed for control purposes can be located in applicable portions of procedure RP-102,

Radiological Postings. When used, a minimum of one sign will be posted on each straight run of the Airborne Radioactivity Area boundary. Additional signs should be placed at approximately 30-meter intervals on long runs of any boundary. Airborne Radioactivity Areas are not anticipated for this project.

3.15 Contamination Control

Contamination control practices are established to preclude the spread of contaminants into uncontrolled areas. Recognized applications are detailed in procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management*, and RP-105, *Unrestricted Release Requirements*.

3.15.1 Physical Boundary

A physical boundary will be established using criteria referenced in **Section 3.14** to fully enclose a location established as a Contaminated Area.

3.15.2 Entry

Entry into a Contaminated Area will be compliant with pre-established requirements as detailed on a job-specific RWP. In such instances, an RCT will be present to assist in radiological control and support. (See **Section 3.17.1** for details related to RWP use.)

3.15.3 Exit

Exit from a Contaminated Area will be compliant with pre-established requirements as detailed on a job-specific RWP. In such instances, an RCT will be present to assist in radiological control and support. (See **Section 3.17.1** for details related to RWP use.)

3.15.4 Limitations on Entry

Personnel with open wounds or sores are not generally granted access into a Contaminated Area. Entry may be authorized by the PRSO or designee, on a case-by-case basis, if appropriate protection of the wound or sore is verified, planned work activities are unlikely to compromise the protection, and there is no other medical reason to restrict entry. Unescorted personnel entering an RCA must be in compliance with RP-115 *Radiation Worker Training*.

Jewelry and personal items are not allowed in Contaminated Areas; only project-furnished tools, materials, and equipment necessary to accomplish the planned task are acceptable. Container wrappings, packing, and similar materials must be segregated from essential items prior to entry.

3.15.5 Control of Items

Items such as equipment and tools to be removed from a Contaminated Area must meet unrestricted release criteria as detailed in applicable portions of procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management*, and RP-105, *Unrestricted Release Requirements*.

3.16 Instrumentation Calibration

All instruments will have current calibrations for the radiations and energies found at the Site, using National Institute of Standards and Technology-traceable standards. Operational and background checks will be performed at the beginning of each day of survey activity and whenever there is reason to question instrument performance. A defective instrument will be removed from service, and data obtained with that instrument since its previous acceptable performance will be reviewed for acceptability.

All portable instrumentation will be QC source-checked on a daily basis to ensure instruments are responding within manufacturer specifications. QC checks will be conducted by comparing the instrument's response to a designated radiation source and to ambient background.

QC source checks will consist of one-minute integrated counts for detectors coupled to scaling instruments and enough time to establish a consistent response for rate meters with the designated source position in a reproducible geometry, performed at the designated location. Background checks will be performed in an identical fashion with the source removed. The results of the background and QC checks will be recorded in a field logbook.

3.17 Control of Radiological Work

All radiological work activities will be planned in consultation with the CH2M, PRSO, the PM, and other project personnel tasked with oversight responsibilities. Work performed in areas of radiological concern require establishment of an RWP, which details radiologically based requirements and protective measures.

3.17.1 Radiation Work Permits

RWPs detail the protective measures and controls needed to perform tasks in areas of radiological concern. Information considered during RWP development is detailed in applicable portions of procedure RP-103, *Radiation Work Permits*. RWPs will be submitted to CH2M for review.

3.17.2 Task-specific Plans

TSPs are used to supplement RWP requirements and address in greater detail corresponding activities planned while personnel are inside areas of radiological concern. These instructions are required for tasks scheduled to occur in locations as determined by the CH2M, the PM, PRSO, or the Construction Manager. The PRSO or designee will finalize, control, and issue radiologically based TSPs.

3.18 Procurement, Receipt, and Inventory of Sealed Radioactive Sources

It is not anticipated that field projects will receive radioactive material shipments other than exempt-quantity radioactive check sources. As detailed in procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management* Sealed Radioactive Source Control, check sources are controlled, stored, posted, and managed as radioactive material.

3.18.1 Leak Testing

Radioactive sealed sources will be leak-tested as detailed in applicable portions of procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management* upon receipt of sources at the Site, prior to transport from the Site, and/or annually

3.18.2 Transport of Sources

Check sources will be used on field projects only for the period of time necessary to execute planned work, will not be introduced onto a project location prior to project initiation, and will be returned to the provider immediately following the completion of planned field activities.

Check sources will be maintained as detailed in applicable portions of procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management*.

3.18.3 Reporting Lost, Damaged, or Stolen Sources

As detailed in applicable portions of procedures RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management* if a check source is lost, damaged, or stolen, the event will be reported immediately to the PRSO or designee. The PRSO will immediately notify the RSO, the PM, and the client (Navy) and initiate appropriate recovery actions. In consultation with the client, a report will be filed by the RSO or designee with the appropriate law enforcement agency if it is determined that radioactive material was stolen. The RSO will make any necessary notifications to the NRC and/or CDPH.

3.19 Shipping and Transportation of Radioactive Materials

Offsite shipment of radioactive materials other than exempt-quantity radioactive check sources by Perma-Fix is not anticipated. Information pertinent to an authorized shipper for a field project is provided in **Section 6**.

3.20 Control of Radioactive Waste

Radioactive waste will be minimized by compliance with contamination control practices (**Section 3.15**) combined with segregation and survey practices. A waste shipment provider contracted to the client (for example, the Navy through the Army Joint Munitions Command) will provide brokerage services including waste characterization sampling, waste containers, and transportation of radioactive materials/waste generated from a field project. Soil and used PPE will typically be processed for final disposition in disposal bins, or other appropriate container. When filled, containers will be transferred to the custody and control of the authorized shipper. As detailed in procedure RP-111, *Radioactive Materials Control and Waste Management*, commodities are stored in a locked radioactive materials storage area, controlled by the PRSO or designee, and will periodically be packaged and transferred to the authorized shipper for disposal. Radioactive material will be packaged, stored, shipped, and disposed of as required by Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. Additional controls will be implemented if the radioactive waste material also contains chemical hazards (i.e. storage, accumulation areas, etc.).

3.21 Radiation Protection Records

As detailed in the applicable portions of procedure RP-114, *Radiological Protection Records*, the PRSO or designee is responsible for ensuring that airborne monitoring, contamination surveys, and exposure/dose rate surveys are reviewed for accuracy and completeness as an on-going process. Individual exposure records including dosimetry and bioassay reports for personnel are reviewed for results as generated.

Project specific documentation is provided in Radiation Management Plan (Appendix B of the Work Plan for Radiological Data Evaluation and Confirmation Sampling).

3.22 Reports and Notifications

Workers who have previous occupational work history with radiological environments will supply the RSO or designee with prior estimated or reported dose histories on an NRC Form 4 or equivalent as defined in 10 CFR 20.2104.

Records of radiation exposures to workers who have been issued external dosimetry monitoring devices will be maintained. Dosimetry monitoring results for workers will be reported to the RSO annually at a minimum. Annual occupational exposure records will be provided to each employee monitored.

3.23 Licenses

Entities subject to the use of this RPWP will conduct radiologically based tasks with use of Perma-Fix RML No. 8188-01. Perma-Fix will ensure that the RPWP and work practices are implemented and performed in accordance with the RML requirements and the RWP. A certified waste broker contracted by the DoD Executive Agency for low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) will be used for all packaging, shipping, manifesting, transportation, and disposal of LLRW and low-level mixed waste (LLMW). The certified waste broker will coordinate closely with RASO. LLRW and LLMW inventories will be managed under the appropriate NRC license due to the radioactive constituents.

3.24 Review and Approvals of Radiation Protection Plans

The RSO or designee will prepare the RPWP, which will then be reviewed for approval by subject matter experts (for example, the PM or PRSO). In addition, the client CH2M and ultimate client (the Navy) will have an

opportunity to review the draft content, provide input, and indicate acceptance of the plan. Changes to the RPWP will be reviewed and accepted following the same process.

3.25 Planned Special Exposures

No anticipated event within work scopes subject to this RPWP will require use of a planned special exposure. In the event it is necessary to initiate such a need, an activity-specific TSP including a formal ALARA review and an RWP will be prepared and submitted for acceptance following the same process as the RPWP submittal in **Section 3.24**.

4 Personal Protective Equipment

Minimum PPE requirements based on chemical contaminants are established by the Health and Safety Manager (in a project- and task-specific APP/SSHP). This primary level of PPE, Modified Level D, is historically sufficient for radiological work activities and is supplemented by activity-specific RWPs based on the radiological conditions and field tasks required to perform planned activities. Information considered for PPE during RWP development is detailed in applicable portions of procedure RP-101, *Access Control*; RP-102, *Radiological Postings*; and RP-103, *Radiation Work Permits*.

4.1 Selection of Personal Protective Equipment

Personnel must wear PPE commensurate with contamination hazards associated with both the work area and the planned activity as detailed RP-132, *Selection and Use of Radiological PPE*. Activities that require heavy physical effort or that have an increased potential for damage to PPE may require additional layers or different PPE materials, even in areas of low contamination. Site- or task-specific PPE requirements beyond the minimum traditionally used will be detailed in a corresponding RWP.

4.2 Donning and Doffing PPE

To prevent contamination of personnel or the spread of contamination, PPE must be donned and doffed in a specific manner. Directions for donning and doffing standard PPE ensembles are provided in the applicable sections of procedure RP-115, *Radiation Worker Training*. Additional instructions for non-standard site- or task-specific PPE requirements will be provided in the applicable RWP.

5 Decontamination Procedures

Personnel and equipment decontamination is conducted following details identified in applicable portions of procedure RP-111, *Radioactive Material Control and Waste Management Plan*, RP-105 *Unrestricted Release Requirements*, and RP-132, *Radiological Protective Clothing Selection, Monitoring, and Decontamination*.

6 Shipping and Transportation of Radioactive Materials

Field projects subject to the use of this RPWP will conduct radiologically based activities with use of RML No. 8188-01. The client-designated waste broker associated with a field project may implement its RML to conduct waste characterization sampling of waste material in support of low-level radioactive waste shipment and disposal. Wastes sent off site for disposal will be done so in accordance with the DOT Radioactive Material Transportation regulations of 49 CFR, by a certified waste broker. Personnel having the required DOT training will perform all DOT functions as needed.

Additionally, hazardous wastes will be sent off site for disposal or recycling with appropriate land disposal restriction (LDR) certification notices per 40 CFR, Part 268, and 22 CCR, Section 66268. In addition, all broker,

shipper, waste management, transporter and disposal contractors will be subject to the subcontractor qualification process. Under no circumstances will Perma-Fix personnel sign hazardous waste manifests.

If material is hazardous, it will be managed and shipped under the appropriate hazard class. All hazardous waste will be transported under DOT hazardous material regulations. Each shipment of a suspected hazardous material will be properly classed using the Hazardous Material Table in 49 CFR, Part 172.101. DOT-trained personnel will make all determinations. All waste shipments will be reviewed and approved by the Navy (of approved contractor), prior to release of the shipment.

7 References

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). 1996. Regulatory Guide 8.29, Instruction Concerning Risks from Occupational Radiation Exposure, Revision 1, Washington, D.C. February.

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Attachment 1
Radiation Protection Workplan
Acknowledgment Form

Radiation Protection Workplan Acknowledgment Form

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to follow the Radiation Protection Workplan for the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard project. Additionally, I understand that there are additional non-radiological health and safety requirements, which are presented in the Site Safety and Health Plan. I agree to abide by the requirements of the Radiation Protection Plan for the work that I will perform.

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